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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. TIME-TABLE.

UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	10.10	12.10	1.15	2.35	3.45	4.35	5.40
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	6.48	8.13	8.38	9.13	10.18	12.18	1.23	2.43	3.53	4.43	5.48
Shatin Dep.	7.01	8.26	8.51	9.26	10.31	12.31	1.36	2.56	4.06	4.56	6.01
Tai Po Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.05	9.40	10.45	12.45	1.50	3.10	4.20	5.10	6.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	7.30	8.55	9.20	9.55	11.00	13.00	2.05	3.25	4.35	5.25	6.30
Shatin Dep.	7.35	9.00	9.25	10.00	11.05	13.05	2.10	3.30	4.40	5.30	6.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	7.50	9.15	9.40	10.15	11.20	13.20	2.25	3.45	4.55	5.45	6.50
Shatin Dep.	7.55	9.20	9.45	10.20	11.25	13.25	2.30	3.50	5.00	5.50	6.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	8.10	9.35	10.00	10.35	11.40	13.40	2.45	4.05	5.15	6.05	7.10
Shatin Dep.	8.15	9.40	10.05	10.40	11.45	13.45	2.50	4.10	5.20	6.10	7.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	8.30	9.55	10.20	10.55	12.00	14.00	3.05	4.25	5.35	6.25	7.30
Shatin Dep.	8.35	10.00	10.25	11.00	12.05	14.05	3.10	4.30	5.40	6.30	7.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	8.50	10.15	10.40	11.15	12.20	14.20	3.25	4.45	5.55	6.45	7.50
Shatin Dep.	8.55	10.20	10.45	11.20	12.25	14.25	3.30	4.50	6.00	6.50	7.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	9.10	10.35	11.00	11.35	12.40	14.40	3.45	5.05	6.15	7.05	8.10
Shatin Dep.	9.15	10.40	11.05	11.40	12.45	14.45	3.50	5.10	6.20	7.10	8.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	9.30	10.55	11.20	11.55	13.00	15.00	4.05	5.25	6.35	7.25	8.30
Shatin Dep.	9.35	11.00	11.25	12.00	13.05	15.05	4.10	5.30	6.40	7.30	8.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	9.50	11.15	11.40	12.15	13.20	15.20	4.25	5.45	6.55	7.45	8.50
Shatin Dep.	9.55	11.20	11.45	12.20	13.25	15.25	4.30	5.50	7.00	7.50	8.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	10.10	11.35	12.00	12.35	13.40	15.40	4.45	6.05	7.15	8.05	9.10
Shatin Dep.	10.15	11.40	12.05	12.40	13.45	15.45	4.50	6.10	7.20	8.10	9.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	10.30	11.55	12.20	12.55	14.00	16.00	5.05	6.25	7.35	8.25	9.30
Shatin Dep.	10.35	12.00	12.25	13.00	14.05	16.05	5.10	6.30	7.40	8.30	9.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	10.50	12.15	12.40	13.15	14.20	16.20	5.25	6.45	7.55	8.45	9.50
Shatin Dep.	10.55	12.20	12.45	13.20	14.25	16.25	5.30	6.50	8.00	8.50	9.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	11.10	12.35	13.00	13.35	14.40	16.40	5.45	7.05	8.15	9.05	10.10
Shatin Dep.	11.15	12.40	13.05	13.40	14.45	16.45	5.50	7.10	8.20	9.10	10.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	11.30	12.55	13.20	13.55	15.00	17.00	6.05	7.25	8.35	9.25	10.30
Shatin Dep.	11.35	13.00	13.25	14.00	15.05	17.05	6.10	7.30	8.40	9.30	10.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	11.50	13.15	13.40	14.15	15.20	17.20	6.25	7.45	8.55	9.45	10.50
Shatin Dep.	11.55	13.20	13.45	14.20	15.25	17.25	6.30	7.50	9.00	9.50	10.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	12.10	13.35	14.00	14.35	15.40	17.40	6.45	8.05	9.15	10.05	11.10
Shatin Dep.	12.15	13.40	14.05	14.40	15.45	17.45	6.50	8.10	9.20	10.10	11.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	12.30	13.55	14.20	14.55	16.00	18.00	7.05	8.25	9.35	10.25	11.30
Shatin Dep.	12.35	14.00	14.25	15.00	16.05	18.05	7.10	8.30	9.40	10.30	11.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	12.50	14.15	14.40	15.15	16.20	18.20	7.25	8.45	9.55	10.45	11.50
Shatin Dep.	12.55	14.20	14.45	15.20	16.25	18.25	7.30	8.50	10.00	10.50	11.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	1.00	14.35	15.00	15.35	16.40	18.40	7.45	9.05	10.15	11.05	12.10
Shatin Dep.	1.05	14.40	15.05	15.40	16.45	18.45	7.50	9.10	10.20	11.10	12.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	1.20	14.55	15.20	15.55	17.00	19.00	8.05	9.25	10.35	11.25	12.30
Shatin Dep.	1.25	15.00	15.25	16.00	17.05	19.05	8.10	9.30	10.40	11.30	12.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	1.40	15.15	15.40	16.15	17.20	19.20	8.25	9.45	10.55	11.45	12.50
Shatin Dep.	1.45	15.20	15.45	16.20	17.25	19.25	8.30	9.50	11.00	11.50	12.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	1.60	15.35	16.00	16.35	17.40	19.40	8.45	10.05	11.15	12.05	1.10
Shatin Dep.	1.65	15.40	16.05	16.40	17.45	19.45	8.50	10.10	11.20	12.10	1.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	1.80	15.55	16.20	16.55	18.00	20.00	9.05	10.25	11.35	12.25	1.30
Shatin Dep.	1.85	16.00	16.25	17.00	18.05	20.05	9.10	10.30	11.40	12.30	1.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	2.00	16.15	16.40	17.15	18.20	20.20	9.25	10.45	11.55	12.45	1.50
Shatin Dep.	2.05	16.20	16.45	17.20	18.25	20.25	9.30	10.50	12.00	12.50	1.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	2.20	16.35	17.00	17.35	18.40	20.40	9.45	11.05	12.15	13.05	2.10
Shatin Dep.	2.25	16.40	17.05	17.40	18.45	20.45	9.50	11.10	12.20	13.10	2.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	2.40	16.55	17.20	17.55	19.00	21.00	10.05	11.25	12.35	13.25	2.30
Shatin Dep.	2.45	17.00	17.25	18.00	19.05	21.05	10.10	11.30	12.40	13.30	2.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	2.60	17.15	17.40	18.15	19.20	21.20	10.25	11.45	12.55	13.45	2.50
Shatin Dep.	2.65	17.20	17.45	18.20	19.25	21.25	10.30	11.50	13.00	13.50	2.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	2.80	17.35	18.00	18.35	19.40	21.40	10.45	12.05	13.15	14.05	3.10
Shatin Dep.	2.85	17.40	18.05	18.40	19.45	21.45	10.50	12.10	13.20	14.10	3.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	3.00	17.55	18.20	18.55	20.00	22.00	11.05	12.25	13.35	14.25	3.30
Shatin Dep.	3.05	18.00	18.25	19.00	20.05	22.05	11.10	12.30	13.40	14.30	3.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	3.20	18.15	18.40	19.15	20.20	22.20	11.25	12.45	13.55	14.45	3.50
Shatin Dep.	3.25	18.20	18.45	19.20	20.25	22.25	11.30	12.50	14.00	14.50	3.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	3.40	18.35	19.00	19.35	20.40	22.40	11.45	13.05	14.15	15.05	4.10
Shatin Dep.	3.45	18.40	19.05	19.40	20.45	22.45	11.50	13.10	14.20	15.10	4.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	3.60	18.55	19.20	19.55	21.00	23.00	12.05	13.25	14.35	15.25	4.30
Shatin Dep.	3.65	19.00	19.25	20.00	21.05	23.05	12.10	13.30	14.40	15.30	4.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	3.80	19.15	19.40	20.15	21.20	23.20	12.25	13.45	14.55	15.45	4.50
Shatin Dep.	3.85	19.20	19.45	20.20	21.25	23.25	12.30	13.50	15.00	15.50	4.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	4.00	19.35	20.00	20.35	21.40	23.40	12.45	14.05	15.15	16.05	5.10
Shatin Dep.	4.05	19.40	20.05	20.40	21.45	23.45	12.50	14.10	15.20	16.10	5.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	4.20	19.55	20.20	20.55	22.00	24.00	13.05	14.25	15.35	16.25	5.30
Shatin Dep.	4.25	20.00	20.25	21.00	22.05	24.05	13.10	14.30	15.40	16.30	5.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	4.40	20.15	20.40	21.15	22.20	24.20	13.25	14.45	15.55	16.45	5.50
Shatin Dep.	4.45	20.20	20.45	21.20	22.25	24.25	13.30	14.50	16.00	16.50	5.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	4.60	20.35	21.00	21.35	22.40	24.40	13.45	15.05	16.15	17.05	6.10
Shatin Dep.	4.65	20.40	21.05	21.40	22.45	24.45	13.50	15.10	16.20	17.10	6.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	4.80	20.55	21.20	21.55	23.00	25.00	14.05	15.25	16.35	17.25	6.30
Shatin Dep.	4.85	21.00	21.25	22.00	23.05	25.05	14.10	15.30	16.40	17.30	6.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	5.00	21.15	21.40	22.15	23.20	25.20	14.25	15.45	16.55	17.45	6.50
Shatin Dep.	5.05	21.20	21.45	22.20	23.25	25.25	14.30	15.50	17.00	17.50	6.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	5.20	21.35	22.00	22.35	23.40	25.40	14.45	16.05	17.15	18.05	7.10
Shatin Dep.	5.25	21.40	22.05	22.40	23.45	25.45	14.50	16.10	17.20	18.10	7.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	5.40	21.55	22.20	22.55	24.00	26.00	15.05	16.25	17.35	18.25	7.30
Shatin Dep.	5.45	22.00	22.25	23.00	24.05	26.05	15.10	16.30	17.40	18.30	7.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	5.60	22.15	22.40	23.15	24.20	26.20	15.25	16.45	17.55	18.45	7.50
Shatin Dep.	5.65	22.20	22.45	23.20	24.25	26.25	15.30	16.50	18.00	18.50	7.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	5.80	22.35	23.00	23.35	24.40	26.40	15.45	17.05	18.15	19.05	8.10
Shatin Dep.	5.85	22.40	23.05	23.40	24.45	26.45	15.50	17.10	18.20	19.10	8.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	6.00	22.55	23.20	23.55	25.00	27.00	16.05	17.25	18.35	19.25	8.30
Shatin Dep.	6.05	23.00	23.25	24.00	25.05	27.05	16.10	17.30	18.40	19.30	8.35
Ma On Shan Dep.	6.20	23.15	23.40	24.15	25.20	27.20	16.25	17.45	18.55	19.45	8.50
Shatin Dep.	6.25	23.20	23.45	24.20	25.25	27.25	16.30	17.50	19.00	19.50	8.55
Ma On Shan Dep.	6.40	23.35	24.00	24.35	25.40	27.40	16.45	18.05	19.15	20.05	9.10
Shatin Dep.	6.45	23.40	24.05	24.40	25.45	27.45	16.50	18.10	19.20	20.10	9.15
Ma On Shan Dep.	6.60	23.55	24.20	24.55	26.00	28.00	17.05	18.25	19.35	20.25	9.30
Shatin Dep.	6.65	24.00	24.25	25.00	26.05	28.05	17.10	18.30	19.40	20.30	9.35

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No. 2 HAMPER—\$34.

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| 1 Qt. Guillemart Champagne. | 2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port. |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 1 Qt. St. Julien Claret. |
| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. | 1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy. | 1 Qt. Vino de Pasto Sherry. |
| 2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky. | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. | 1 Qt. Engrand's XXX Brandy. |
| 1 Pt. Peppermint G.F. | 1 Qt. Amontillado Sherry. |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
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| 2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky. | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |

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CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Saturday's quotations in Canton for rice, sugar and flour were as follows:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mee Native White Rice	\$10.10
See Mui Native White Long	10.03
Kam Fung Sui White Rice	9.00
Winter Glutinous White	8.70
Rice	2.64
Red Peach White Long	7.56
Green Lion White Brewer	9.50
Red Lion White Annam	9.75
Green Double Sword White	6.35
Green Seal White Brewers	6.40
Black Seal White Brewers	6.35
Rice	10.30
Green A White Brewers Rice	3.40
Wai Chow White sugar	10.10
Sp. or Native sugar	
Sugar.	Per Bag.
Now 2 coarse powdered sugar	\$7.60
No. 3 coarse powdered sugar	7.10
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar	7.55
No. 1 Granulated sugar	9.45
No. 1 Fine Granulated sugar	10.30
Wai Chow White sugar	3.40
Sp. or Native sugar	10.10
Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.05
Silver Seal	4.15
Banana	4.05
Cheung Luk	3.95
Maize	4.30
Sword of Kwantai	4.75
Cannon	4.50
Calabar	4.60
Dalton	4.65
Dog's Head	4.55

CANTON OIL MARKET.

Supplies of groundnut-oil arriving in Canton were not sufficient to meet the demand, therefore quotations have moved slightly higher. On account of recent losses by importers, only very small quantities of wood-oil and bean-oil are coming into the market, and quotations have strengthened accordingly. Business done on Friday included the following:

Oil.	Per Picul.
New Fung Chi Oil	\$56.00
Old Fung Chi	55.30
Old Fung Chi	54.40
Kwangsi Wood Oil	57.50
Bean Oil	19.95

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

A cable received by the Canton dealers from Shanghai states that the cotton yarn market remains firm, but on the 22nd instant the Canton market weakened, and quotations dropped 22 per bale. This fall is due to the market for native cotton, piece-goods in Nanyang having declined, and Canton merchants were consequently afraid to make further purchases of yarn. Quotations on Saturday's Canton market were as follows:

Yarn.	Per Bale.
No. 12 Five Sons	\$54.50
Fui Hee	51.75
Butterfly	52.00
No. 32 Po Tai	45.40
Tin Koon	45.40
Double Horse	45.40
No. 20 City of Gold	32.75
Globe	31.90
Good Harvest	31.60
Double Horse	31.60
Tin Koon	32.00
Double Dragon	32.25
Tram Car	31.10
Manlock	31.60
Shepherd	30.50
Three Stars	31.00
No. 18 Fui Kwai	30.00
Manlock	30.00
No. 12 City of Gold	29.25
Peacock	28.50
Fui Kwai	28.50
Tram Car	27.50
Victory	28.00
Aeroplane	27.40
Pretty Damsel	26.50
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	26.50
City of Gold	26.10
Lotus Bee	25.40
Victory	26.25
No. 6 Lion	21.60
Lion No. 2	19.60

SHANTUNG RAILWAY RETURNS.

FOUR MILLION DOLLARS INCREASE OF REVENUE.

PEKING, Dec. 18th. From Tsingtao it is reported that the income of the Shantung Railway for the first ten months of this year was \$9,718,000 compared with \$5,988,000 in the same period last year. Goods carried this year from January to October amounted to 1,818,000 tons bringing in \$7,037,000 compared with 1,013,000 tons and \$3,763,000 for the same period in 1927.

Passengers carried decreased by 450,000 but the income from this source increased slightly, for during this year all passengers paid their fares, whereas last year many soldiers and officials travelled free.

CANTON AND YOKOHAMA SILK MARKETS.

BRISK BUSINESS FOR AMERICA.

In Canton during the past fortnight's silk transactions between Chinese and foreign merchants have been very active. There is a strong demand for Canton silk in America, as the weavers now want Chinese silk instead of Japanese, the quality of which is not so good as the Chinese product.

Business done in Canton—mostly for American consumption—includes the following transactions (prices being per picul):

Silk.	Per Picul.
Koon Foe 13/15 silk, 30 bags at \$1.055.	
Ming Cheung 13/15 silk, 10 bags at \$1.112.	
No. 1B 13/15 silk, 20 bags at 1.030.	
14/15 Raw silk, 20 bags at \$1.074.50	
No. 1 Star B. 13/15 silk, 20 bags at \$1.040.	
No. 1B 13/15 silk, 10 bags at \$1.025.	

A cable from Yokohama dated December 21st gives the following quotations:

Delivery.	December.	April.
Forenoon	\$1.414	\$1.375
Afternoon	1.416	1.367

EXPORT OF DUCK FEATHERS.

BUSINESS DULL.

Business in duck feathers is quite an important export from the Colony, the yearly figures nearly reaching \$4,000,000. About 28,000 bags (20 lbs. each bag) are sent to Europe and America, every year, but only about 1 per cent. of this total is provided locally, the remainder coming from Canton. About 30,000 bags are imported into England, of which a large portion is re-exported to France, Sweden, and Germany.

A representative of the Daily Press was told by a merchant that this year business has been very dull, with quotations about 17 per cent. higher than last year. The total export this year is about 23,000 bags from January to November.

There are two principal varieties of duck feathers exported—down and long feathers. The latter are obtained from the tails and wings, while the down is gathered from the body, and it is this variety which is mostly exported. Down is again divided into two varieties—uncleaned and cleaned. Down is usually every 100 lb. of duck feathers contains a mixture of about 5 per cent. of other feathers.

Chinese wholesalers in Hong Kong buy feathers in Canton at about \$52 per picul, and after arrival in the Colony the feathers are sorted. In former years the price for 100 lb. of down was about \$38, but this year the average is about \$64. Quotations for machine-cleaned feathers was formerly about \$75, but is nearer \$80 at present.

THE RUBBER MARKET.

OPTIMISM IN LONDON.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. Hong Kong, state that cable advice has been received from London to the effect that figures prepared there by reliable parties indicate that, if American consumption is maintained at around that achieved for the past three months, the world's consumption during 1929 will exceed the world's production by some 60,000 tons.

It must be admitted that such forecasts are extremely difficult to make with any degree of accuracy, but it is certainly very much more pleasant to find on all sides such or similar optimistic opinions. More inquiries have set in in the rubber share market.

Latex.	Quotations.
Ayer Panas	88.60
Glenelies	1.70
Jerams	1.15
Jimahs	1.45
Kedahs	3.30
Kuala Sidins	3.90
Lunas	1.95
Rajams	1.60

Dividends.	Int.
Murai Tin	7 1/2 % Int.
Puteh Tins	7 1/2 % Int.
Pelarik Ting	5 % Int.
Pajan	5 % Int.
Kamasan	5 % Int.
Sungei Way	5 % Final.

MUKDEN TO PUSH TRADE.

PROPAGANDISTS GOING ABROAD.

PEKING, Dec. 18th. A message received from Mukden states that Marshal Chang Hsueh Liang is sending representatives to Europe and America for propaganda purposes. These officials are collecting statistics, maps and photographs together with specimens of Manchurian produce to carry with them in order to explain conditions in Manchuria.

EASTERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION.

BRITISH SHIPMENTS TO CHINA.

Great interest has been aroused by the registration in England as a private company of the Eastern Textile Association, Ltd. Traders on the Manchester Royal Exchange were not slow in recognising this organisation as the body of men engaged in the different branches of the cotton trade who, as Mr. W. E. Thompson revealed some weeks ago at a meeting of the Manchester Rotary Club, are participating in a joint effort to try and recapture some of the trade lost in China.

The experiment is being carried out on co-operative lines, each of the parties performing its function of spinning, manufacturing, or whatever it may be, and any losses being shared in agreed proportions. There is nothing in the nature of an amalgamation—hence the new company has only a nominal capital, and the joint efforts of the firms concerned are restricted to operations in one or two standard makes of cloth in which it is hoped to do a bulk trade. The incorporation of a private company, foreboding no change in either the personnel or the policy of the movement. The step has been taken on legal advice, in order to put the activities of the participants on a recognisable business basis.

It is generally understood that the results achieved so far have been satisfactory, but the organisers of the movement would be the first to point that operations are only being conducted on a small scale, and that nothing in the nature of a spectacular offensive against Japanese competition is to be looked for. The Association, however, is doing very useful pioneer work, and its activities and its results will be closely watched, for if it succeeds in capturing the China market for one or two styles of cloth it is probable that other similar organisations will be formed.

A Reuter message a few days ago stated that a serious hitch, due to the attitude of the London banks, has been reached in the creation of the corporation. Financial interests in London were prepared to sponsor the amalgamation to the extent it is said of £2,000,000, but the banks, who are the virtual owners of the amalgamating mills, are hesitating. On the other hand the Manchester banks are eager to assist any possible appeal which may be made to the Government.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 21st.

City.	Rate.
Paris	214
Geneva	25.17
Berlin	20.36
Oslo	18.19
Helsingfors	193
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	47.5/16
Hong Kong	2/6.11/18
New York	4.85/13/32
Amsterdam	18.11
Stockholm	34.475
Vienna	29.78
Bucharest	9091
Bombay	1/6.1/32
Yokohama	1/102
Brussels	34.87
Milan	92.65
Copenhagen	18.17
Prague	1631
Lisbon	1691
Rio	52
Shanghai	2/72
Silver (spot)	26.3/18
Silver (forward)	26.3/16

EXCHANGE BROKERAGE.

SHANGHAI BANKS TO REDUCE RATES BY HALF.

Recently the Shanghai Exchange Brokers Association has been advised by the local foreign banks that as and from January 1st, the brokerage paid to brokers by banks will be reduced to one half of the present rates. The brokers asked that representatives of their Association should be given an opportunity to discuss the situation, but the bankers are understood to have refused to discuss the matter officially. The Chambers of Commerce have been asked to take the matter up, as it is one in which merchants, brokers, and bankers equally are interested, but it has not been possible yet to arrange a conference at which all concerned could be represented.

At the moment, says the North China Daily News, the brokers and Chamber of Commerce are endeavouring to have the question settled by arbitration but so far nothing definite has been arranged. It is understood that the brokers are quite willing to submit to some reduction. It may be added that in Tientsin the banks have agreed to make no change until June 30th, 1929 and at that time the inter-bank brokerage will be reduced to one-sixteenth, the point at which it stands to-day in Shanghai and from which the proposal is to lower it to a thirty-second.

At a meeting of their Association last week the Shanghai exchange brokers unanimously passed a resolution declining to incorporate the new bank rates in their rules and stating that any broker receiving less than the existing rates from the banks would be doing so under protest.



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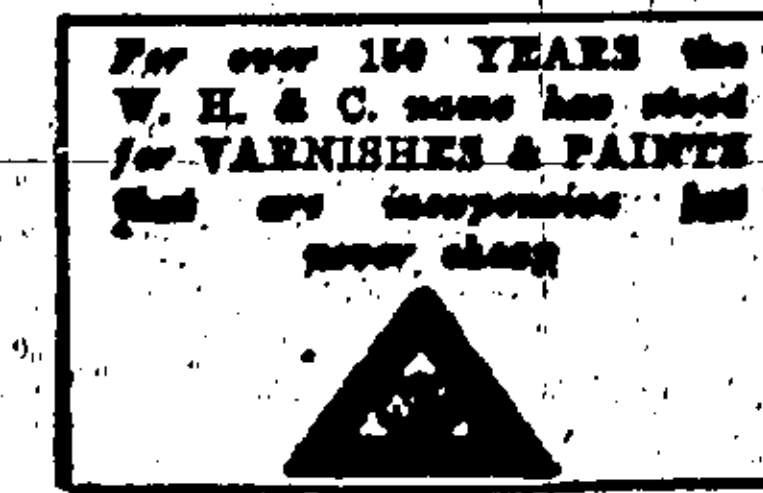
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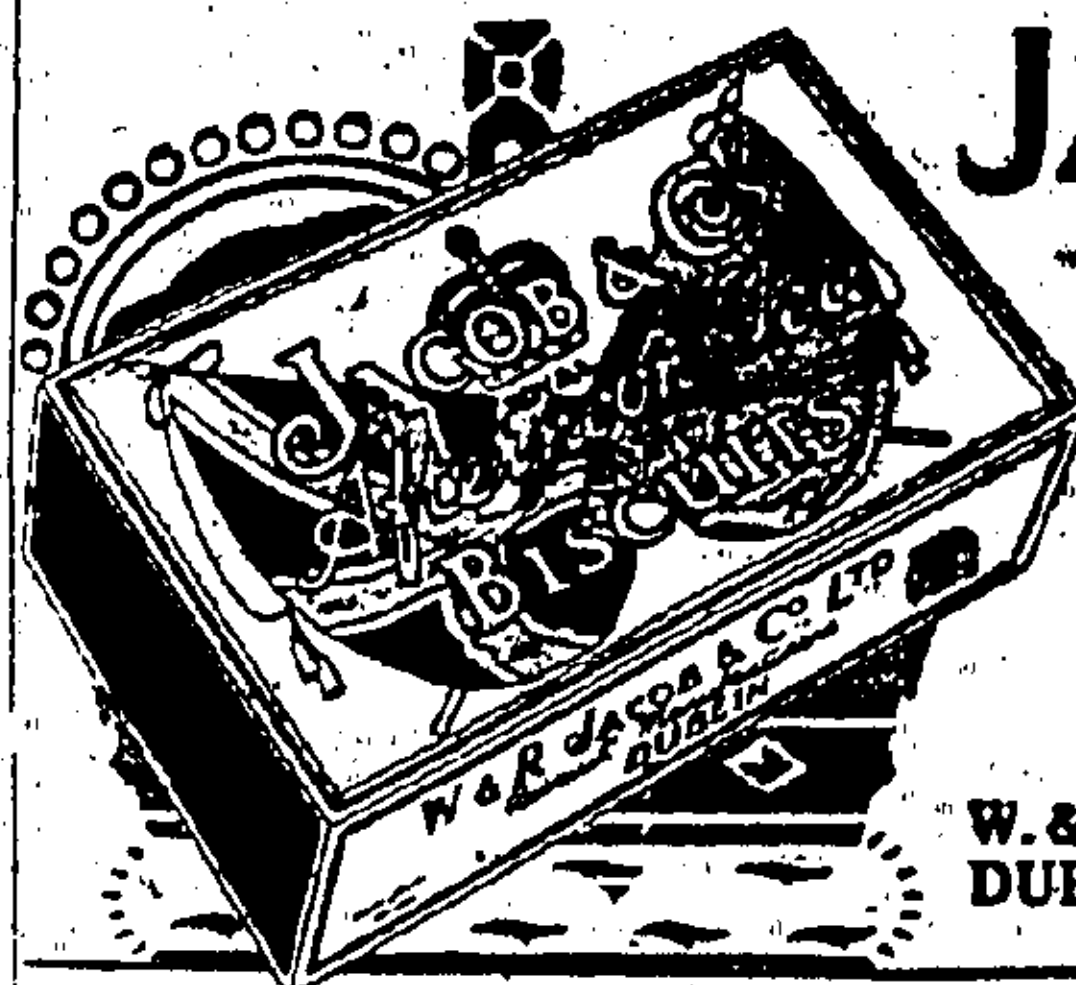
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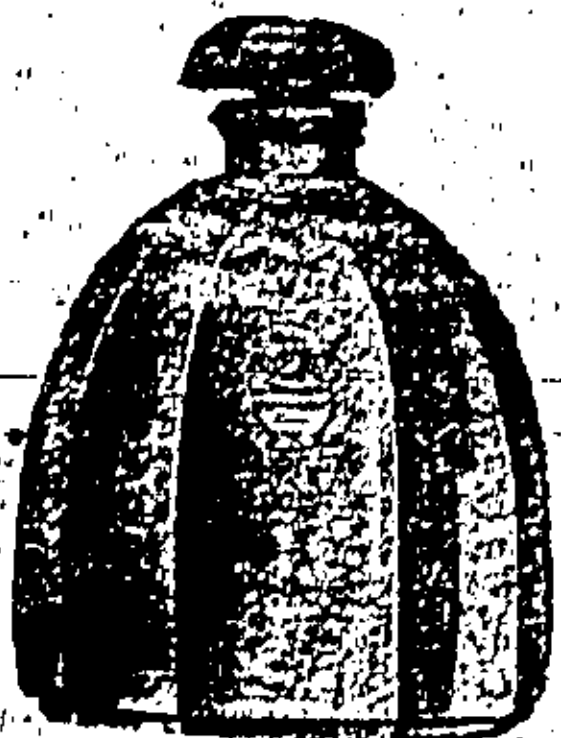
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MONEY & MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

The following quotations, current in New York on December 19th, have been received in Shanghai by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Co., who assume no responsibility for cable mutilations.

Market Bull.	Business done, 2,257,100 shares.	Previous Close.	Price.
Stock			
Allied Chem. & Dye (Com.)	...	22 1/2	22 1/2
American Can (Com.)	...	96 1/2	96 1/2
American Smelting	...	26 1/2	26 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. (Com.)	...	190 1/2	190 1/2
American Tobacco "B"	...	175 1/2	175 1/2
Armour & Co. "A"	...	15 1/2	15 1/2
Armour & Co. (H.I.) 7 1/2 Pfd.	...	82 1/2	82 1/2
Anacosta Copper	...	106 1/2	106 1/2
Bank of Montreal	...	84 1/2	84 1/2
Barnard Corp. "A"	...	40 1/2	40 1/2
Bethlehem Steel (Com.)	...	80 1/2	80 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 7 1/2 Pfd.	...	122 1/2	122 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit	...	69 1/2	69 1/2
Calumet & Hecla	...	40 1/2	40 1/2
Camp Corp.	...	100 1/2	100 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	...	22 1/2	22 1/2
Carnegie Steel	...	22 1/2	22 1/2
Chile Copper	...	63 1/2	63 1/2
Chrysler	...	116 1/2	116 1/2
Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	...	50 1/2	50 1/2
Coty Incorporated	...	70 1/2	70 1/2
Danisco Chemical	...	18 1/2	18 1/2
Du Pont de N.E.L. (Com.)	...	46 1/2	46 1/2
Eastman Kodak	...	160 1/2	160 1/2
Fox Film "A"	...	93 1/2	93 1/2
General Cigar	...	55 1/2	55 1/2
General Electric Co.	...	131 1/2	131 1/2
General Motors	...	18 1/2	18 1/2
General Ely. Signal (Com.)	...	93 1/2	93 1/2
Gold Dust	...	125 1/2	125 1/2
Granby Consolidated	...	82 1/2	82 1/2
Haystack	...	44 1/2	44 1/2
Hudson Motor Car	...	33 1/2	33 1/2
International Cement (Com.)	...	81 1/2	81 1/2
International Match, Pfd.	...	91 1/2	91 1/2
International Nickel (Com.)	...	240 1/2	240 1/2
International Printers Ink	...	53 1/2	53 1/2
Inter. Prod. Corp. (Com.)	...	13 1/2	13 1/2
Inter. Prod. Corp. Pfd.	...	10 1/2	10 1/2
Kelvinator	...	16 1/2	16 1/2
Kennecott Copper	...	133 1/2	133 1/2
Lake Superior Corp.	...	14 1/2	14 1/2
Liggett & Myers, Class "B"	...	56 1/2	56 1/2
Lorillard Co. (Com.)	...	26 1/2	26 1/2
Mack Trucks	...	99 1/2	99 1/2
Madison Square Garden	...	12 1/2	12 1/2
Maytag Co.	...	24 1/2	24 1/2
Missouri Pacific (Com.)	...	62 1/2	62 1/2
National Dairy Products	...	118 1/2	118 1/2
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.	...	54 1/2	54 1/2
Packard Motor Car (Com.)	...	140 1/2	140 1/2
Pennsylvania Railroad	...	71 1/2	71 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	...	44 1/2	44 1/2
Radio Corporation	...	388 1/2	388 1/2
Raynolds Tobacco, "B"	...	154 1/2	154 1/2
Standard Gas & Elec. (Com.)	...	74 1/2	74 1/2
Standard Oil of California	...	70 1/2	70 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	...	62 1/2	62 1/2
Standard Oil of New Jersey	...	62 1/2	62 1/2
Standard Oil of New York	...	38 1/2	38 1/2
Texas Corporation (Com.)	...	64 1/2	64 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	...	73 1/2	73 1/2
Timken Roller Bearing	...	127 1/2	127 1/2
Union Carbide & Ice (Com.)	...	18 1/2	18 1/2
Union Pacific R.R. (Com.)	...	32 1/2	32 1/2
U.S. Inter. Security Pfd.	...	100 1/2	100 1/2
U.S. Leather	...	60 1/2	60 1/2
U.S. Realty & Imp. Co.	...	28 1/2	28 1/2
U.S. Rubber (Com.)	...	41 1/2	41 1/2
U.S. Steel	...	15 1/2	15 1/2
Venadium Corp.	...	122 1/2	122 1/2
Westinghouse Elec. (Com.)	...	26 1/2	26 1/2
Wills Overland Co.	...	26 1/2	26 1/2
Wright Aeronautical	...	22 1/2	22 1/2

PARIS STOCK EXCHANGE.

The following quotations, current in Paris on December 17th, have been received by the Banque Franco-Chinoise which assumes no responsibility for cable mutilations.

	Frs.
Rio Tinto	7,000.00
Banque de Paris	4,000.00
Société Indo-Chinoise d'Electricité	4,000.00
Rente 4 per cent. 1915-18	83.10
Rente 4 per cent. 1918	81.30
Rente 5 per cent. 1920 amort.	109.80
Rente 5 per cent. 1920	102.20
Credit National 5 per cent. 1919	560.00
Credit National 5 per cent. 1921	540.00
Usines du Rhône	3,700.00
Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,700.00
Usines du Havre	584.00
Mines de Lens	900.00
Mines d'Anzin	2,800.00
Autrichiens du Tonkin	1,020.00
Tramways de Shanghai	3,600.00
Actions Priorité Hydro Electricité du S. E.	non coté
Tubize (H. et C.)	1,320.00
Energie Electrique du Nord de France	1,120.00
Max. Eagle	171.00
Thomson	597.00

THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF LLOYD'S.

At the first meeting of the committee for 1929 Mr. Arthur Reginald Mountain was elected chairman of Lloyd's in succession to Sir Percy Mackinnon, and Mr. Percy Hargreaves was elected deputy-chairman in succession to Mr. C. I. de Rougemont.

Both the new chairman and deputy-chairman have had considerable experience in marine underwriting. The whole of the business career of Mr. Mountain has been passed at Lloyd's. After he had been transacting business there for some years he was elected an underwriting member in 1903. He was elected to the committee for the year 1921 and was again elected for the years 1923-24 inclusive, and on the retirement of the late Mr. Percy Jackson, owing to ill-health, he became deputy-chairman of Lloyd's from May 1924, 1926, until the end of that year. After the usual interval he was elected to serve on the committee for four years as from January 1st last. He is a member of the Joint Hull Committee and of the committee of Lloyd's Underwriters' Association, and he is also a member of the committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping. His brother, Sir Edward Mountain, is well known in insurance.

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ARE THERE ANY LETTERS FOR YOU?

UNCLAIMED CORRESPONDENCE, ETC., AT THE G.P.O.

THE OFFICIAL LIST FOR SATURDAY.

A General Post Office notification, issued on Saturday, gives the following particulars with regard to unclaimed correspondence, etc., waiting at the Post Office, and also unclaimed radio telegrams, at the Radio Telegraph Office:—

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Wang Ning	
Nam	Kwong Chow Wan.
Lab Tai	Manila.
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CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS.

The collections at the Cathedral on Christmas Day will be on behalf of the Diocesan Schools and Orphanages. An annual collection has been given regularly since 1869. The first collection in 1869 was \$427.50, and the collection in 1927 was \$635.08. The Orphanage side of the work is supported partly by donations and subscriptions and partly by the profits made on boys who pay full fees. The school accounts are audited and an annual balance-sheet printed and sent to donors and subscribers.

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Mr. Percy Hargreaves is a son of the late Mr. B. C. Hargreaves, who was a member of Lloyd's, and is one of four brothers, all of whom have been prominent figures in the London marine insurance market. After some previous experience in marine insurance, Mr. Hargreaves began to act for a syndicate at Lloyd's in 1901, and he was elected an underwriting member in 1905. He was a member of the committee of Lloyd's for the years 1923-24 inclusive, and was again elected as from the beginning of 1928 for a period of four years. He was chairman for three years of Lloyd's Underwriters' Association and he is the present chairman of the London Salvage Association.

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11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press. Demonstration Programme: Chinese and European Music.

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Uncle Tom, Private Secretary to Santa Claus, has an hour with the children.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Victor and Columbia).

"Christmas Overture"
B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

"The Dove"
"The Wren"
"Drowsy Waters"
"Hawaiian March"

"Humoresque"
"A Dream"
"My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue"
"Twilight"

"Spanish Dance"
"Vito"—Pablo Casals' Violoncello.

"Loves Return"
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"Lady Mary"—Selections
Mayfair Orchestra.

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"Final Act 4"
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- (5) "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name."
- (6) "Once In Royal David's City."
- (7) "O God Our Help In Ages Past."

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LESSON SERMON.

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"Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force?" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 23rd.

The Golden Text was: "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hands" (Hebrews 1: 10).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Oh Lord, how great are thy works; and thy thoughts are very deep. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land (Ps 92: 5, 9: 3-5).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, filling all space, constituting all Science, contradict forever the belief that matter can be actual. These eternal verities reveal primeval existence as the radiant reality of God's creation, in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wisdom good" (p. 109).

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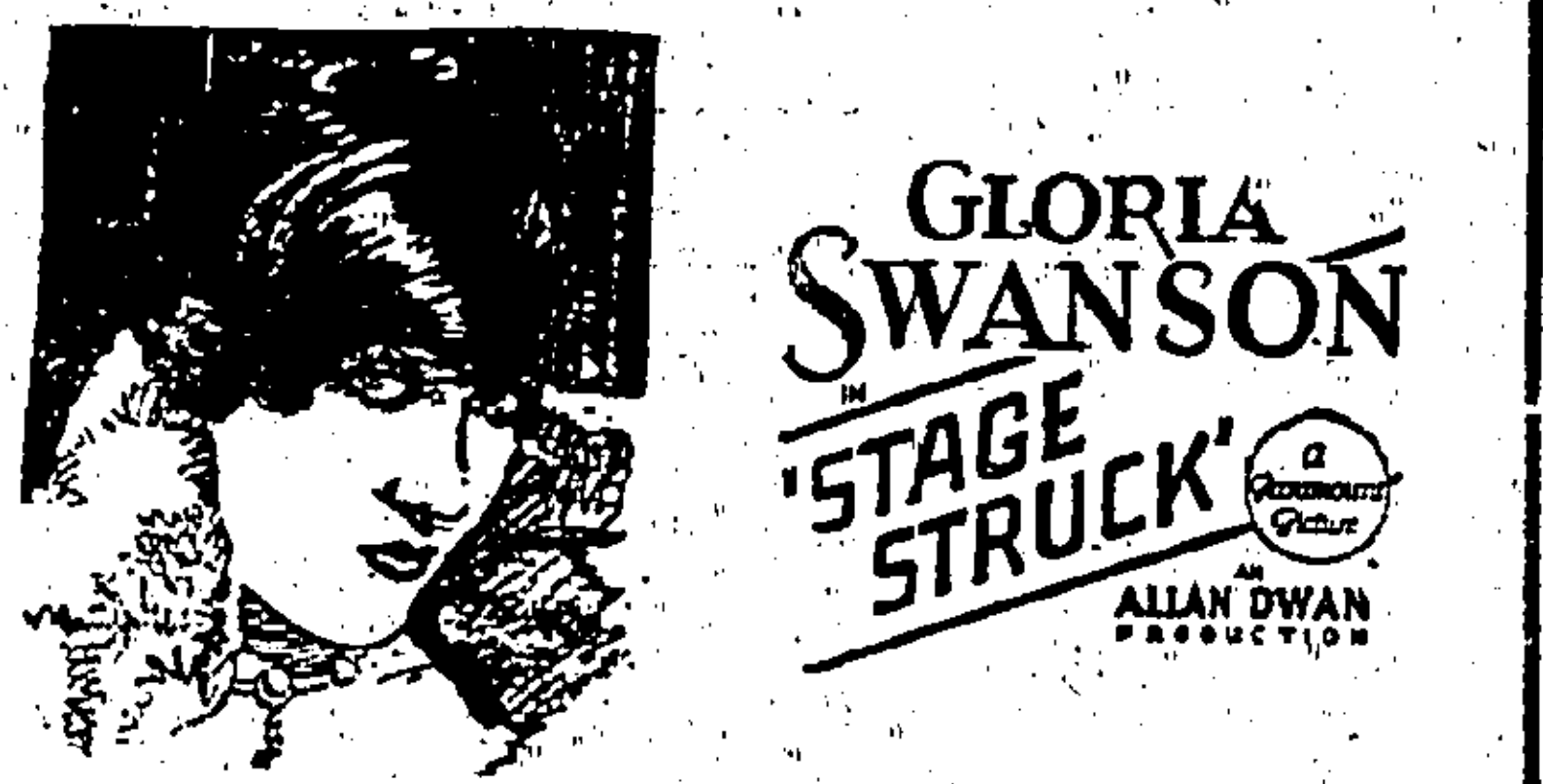
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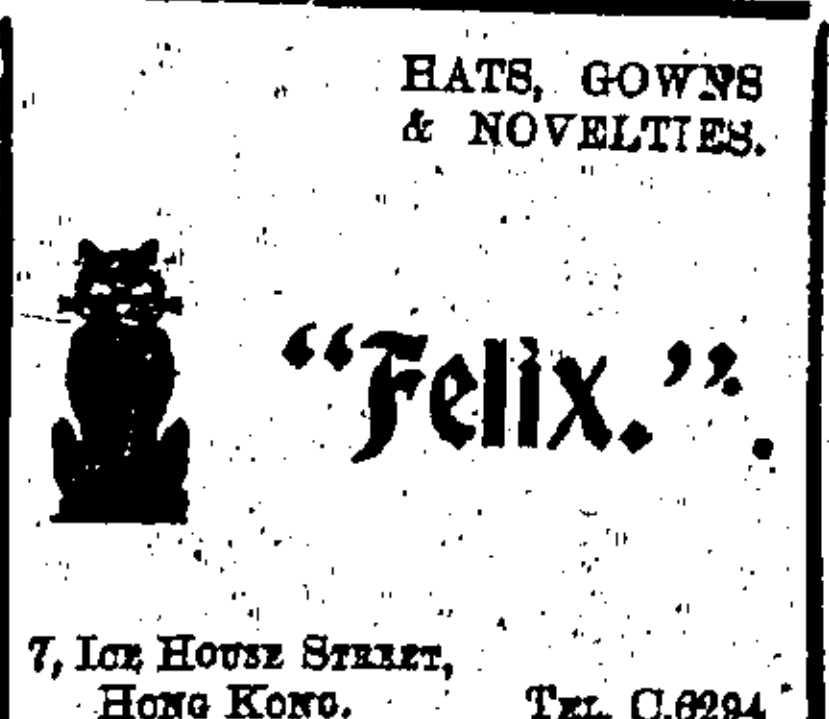
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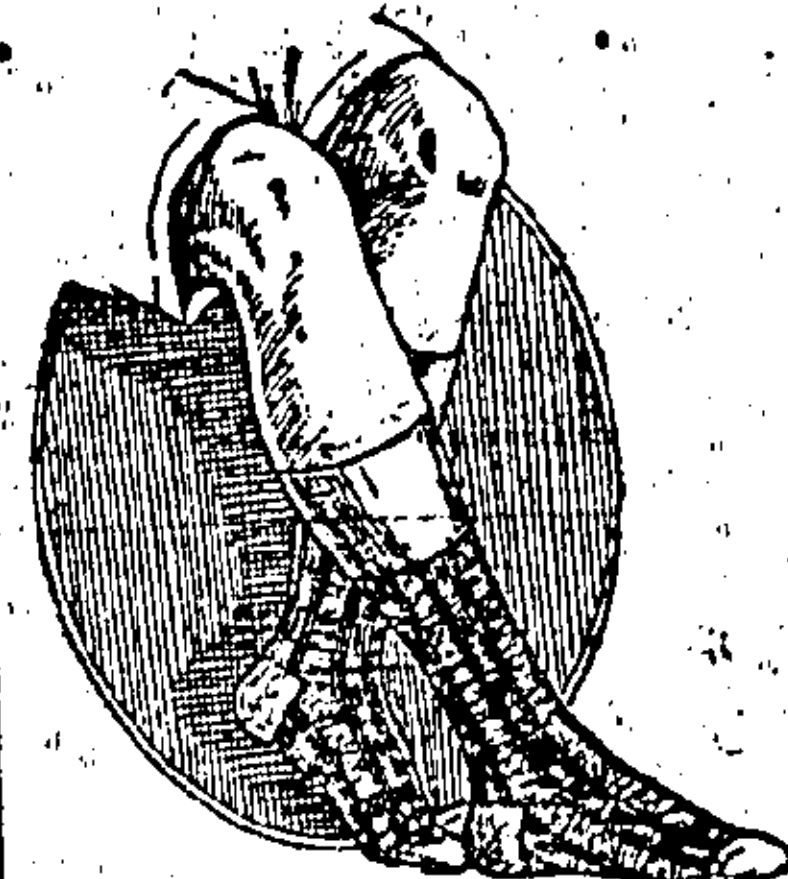
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PEKING RUMOURS.

GOVERNMENT REGROUPING EXPECTED.

PEKING, Dec. 12th.

Disputes within the ranks of the Kuomintang will reach a crisis by February 1st at the latest, according to information in both Chinese and foreign circles here. A complete over-turn of the present group in control at Nanking will follow, it is predicted, and a new Kuomintang Government representing more extreme elements, will take over the Nationalist Government.

It is now agreed that the over-turn will not split the country into factions, and will not result in the return of the capital to Peking. All factions of the Kuomintang, and even the warlords, it is declared, are now convinced that moving the capital to Nanking was the smartest political move for a generation, and Chinese leaders are convinced this move has put foreign nations diplomatically on the defensive.

The movement within the Kuomintang which is heading inevitably toward a shake-up, in the opinion of almost all observers, will also cause a shift of power among the various Nationalist warlords. General Chiang Kai Shek is expected to lose most of his power, and perhaps to retire altogether from the political scene. Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, who has been gaining ascendancy steadily at Nanking, will hold undisputed possession of the leading military power.

The wild crop of rumours, which invariably arises in China when some widespread political shake-up is at hand, has been covering North China with a dozen contradictory tales every day. Correspondents are spending much of their time trying to separate the truth from the vast production of falsehoods. Each observer, foreign or Chinese, has his own pet theory of what the new alignment among warlords will be when the shake-up comes.

The War Lords.

PEKING, Dec. 12th.

In a single day, the *United Press* correspondent was informed by persons who might be expected to know something (1) that Chiang Kai Shek and Feng Yu Hsiang had combined against all the other warlords in an offensive and defensive alliance (2) that Chiang Kai Shek, the Kwangsi General, and the "Young General" Marshal Chang Hsueh Liang of Mukden, would wage a war against Feng Yu Hsiang (3) that Marshal Chang and General Pei Chung Hsi, the Mohammedan General now in Peking, had signed an agreement to set up a new capital in Peking with a separate government and (4) that the Mukden and Kwangsi cliques had combined with the old Anfu party to set up Wei Pei Fu as a nominal head of a new government in Peking.

Foreigners who have lived here more than a year or two generally prefer not to venture predictions, although some "old China hands" are gluttons for punishment, and keep on forecasting, even though they are about 80 per cent. wrong.

The commonest prediction in Peking is that the present group in control at Nanking will not last longer than February 1st. It seems to be equally agreed that Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang will be the power behind the throne in the next Nanking Government, and that the labour-student movement, which has gained in power by leaps and bounds during recent weeks, will have a greater voice in the Government.

From the point of view of the sympathetic foreigners, the change will probably be for the worse. The moderates at Nanking have shown some disposition to respect foreign rights and to adjust treaty relations in a leisurely and lawful fashion. The new group, however, dominates it, is expected by almost all observers to be more extreme. *United Press.*

COATS FOR CAUCASIAN WOMEN.

NEW COMMUNIST SLOGAN.

TITLE, U.S.S.R.

Among certain of the Caucasian tribes women, as a sign of their inferior position, are not permitted to wear heavy coats of any sort. As the weather gets quite cold for long periods, the custom entails great suffering and leads to an abnormal death rate among women. "Give a coat to the woman!" is the slogan recently adopted by Communist organizations in this region.

To encourage women to break the old custom the Communist Party is distributing coats on credit, giving the women a year in which to pay for their new garments. *United Press.*

CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

EXTREMIST INFLUENCE FEARED.

PEKING, Dec. 12th.

The Left Wing of the Kuomintang has won the battle with the Right Wing on the question of foreign relations, in the opinion of several diplomats here. As a result, the period of readjustment in Sino-foreign treaty relations begun last June when the United States and China signed a new trade treaty, is believed to be at an end.

The Left Wing, according to reliable information from Nanking, believes that the Nationalist Government has the Powers "on the run," and that Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, has been altogether too moderate in his dealings with them. They object to several of the new treaties Dr. Wang has drawn up, and some of which he has already signed.

Specifically, they are definitely opposed to China having given Italians and Belgians the right to buy land in the interior of China if they in turn renounce their special legal rights. The Left Wing leaders insist that China should give away nothing until they get back all "rights." Secondly, they believe that Dr. Wang has been far too kind in making renunciation of extraterritorial rights conditional upon China's drawing up suitable codes and training adequate judges. Renunciation, they insist, must carry no conditions whatever.

The Legations believe that the Left Wing is triumphant, for the time being, at least. As for that reason, they believe, that Dr. Wang's period of treaty-making has come to an end. If the State Council, which is the ratifying body in the reorganized Nanking Government, will not approve his treaties, it is unnecessary to waste time making them.

All the Legations here appear to be unanimous in the belief that the Left ascendancy at Nanking is most unfortunate, both for the Powers and for China. "The existing uncertainty, several countries not knowing what rights they have or do not have in China, is very bad for business and for amicable relations."

But there seems to be entire agreement among the diplomats that the Belgian and Italian treaties mark the extreme limit to which the various Powers are willing to go until conditions have gotten much better in China. If the Left Wing persists in obstructing new treaties, they are therefore extending the present period of uncertainty, which is as bad for China as for the foreigners. *United Press.*

THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

2nd ANNIVERSARY OF ACCESSION ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Tokyo, December 10th.

Hirohito Nomiva, 124th Emperor of Japan, will observe the second anniversary of his assumption of Imperial power at 1.25 o'clock on Christmas morning—exactly two years after the death of his father, the late Emperor Taisho. Although Emperor Hirohito was enthroned formally only last month, he really has been Emperor with all the powers of the office since the moment his father expired.

Only a simple memorial service for the soul of the late Emperor will mark the occasion of the second anniversary, the *United Press* was informed at the Household Department. There will be no celebration of the Emperor's assumption of power, the observation of this date falling on November 10th, the date of his formal enthronement, when he announced in Kyoto to his subjects, the Shinto gods of heaven and earth, and the nations of the world, his accession to the throne "in the unbroken line."

Both the Emperor and Empress, early on Christmas morning, will perform ancient Shinto rites to show their reverence and that of the nation for the soul of the late Emperor. Emperor Taisho, or Yoshihito as he was known during his life, expired in the Imperial Villa at Hayama, a beach resort near Tokyo, at 1.25 o'clock on Christmas morning, 1926. He had been an invalid for many years and the present Emperor had carried out the duties of head of Church and State for several years as Prince Regent.

The Emperor is 27 years old and has only one child, a daughter, the infant Princess Kiku. A second daughter, the Princess Hisa, died in infancy.

H.K. PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

FAREWELL TO "TOM JONES."

There was a crowded house at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when the final performance was given of "Tom Jones." The great enthusiasm shown during the evening reached its climax with the fall of the final curtain, when loud applause accompanied the handing-over of the customary floral offerings to the ladies and the equally complimentary but more comic souvenirs for the men.

In response to persistent calls, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., President of the Philharmonic Society, came to the footlights to thank the community for the cordial reception given to "Tom Jones." He said the production had been in rehearsal for only about six weeks, compared with four months given to the previous production—but he emphasized the fact that had it not been for the able assistance and encouragement of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., their honorary musical director, it would not have been possible to produce the show.

Mr. Hornell mentioned that it was proposed to give a Gilbert and Sullivan opera next, March, and he appealed to those interested to join the Philharmonic Society. There might be talent lurking in Hong Kong and Kowloon which would be of great value in strengthening the Society, and he urged those who were not members to send in their names without further hesitation.

It is generally conceded that "Tom Jones" adds one more to the long list of successful productions presented to Hong Kong audiences by the Philharmonic Society. Full tribute has been already paid to those who were actually seen in the show, and to those who provided the very vital orchestral accompaniment, but there is one man whose work was no less important and essential to the success achieved. Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., was responsible for the entire work of designing the scenery and arranging the general colour scheme of the whole production. Those who saw and enjoyed "Tom Jones" will realize how much Mr. Hunt's work contributed to the success of the show.

RUSSIANS TIRED OF TOLSTOY.

PREFER JACK LONDON AND UPTON SINCLAIR.

Moscow, Dec. 2nd.

Despite the fact that the Soviet Union recently went to great lengths to do honour to the memory of Count Leo Tolstoy, his works, it appears from official figures, have been steadily losing in popularity among the Soviet masses.

A check-up of the libraries of the largest trade-unions in Moscow and other centers showed that two Russian authors read more widely than Tolstoy. The Russians are Gorky and Turgenyev; the Americans are Jack London and Upton Sinclair.

This is especially striking when compared with the situation before the war. Lists of the most-read authors in Russia prepared in 25 large cities in 1905, 1907, and 1909 invariably showed Tolstoy at the very head. *United Press.*

ARREST FOLLOWS A DROPPED "H."

ALLEGATION OF A FALSE REFERENCE.

The dropping of an "h" was said to have led to the arrest of Marie Simpson, aged twenty-nine, house-parlourmaid, of Westbourne Grove, Bayswater, who was at Marylebone Police Court remanded in custody on a charge of offering herself as a servant, and pretending that she had served in a service in which she had not.

Detective of a family of ten, five of whom were girls. She applied for a situation with a Mr. Dunn, hotel proprietor, of Lancaster Gate, and gave as her reference a Mrs. Ashley Smith, of Progress Street, Bolton. The reply from Mrs. Ashley Smith read:—

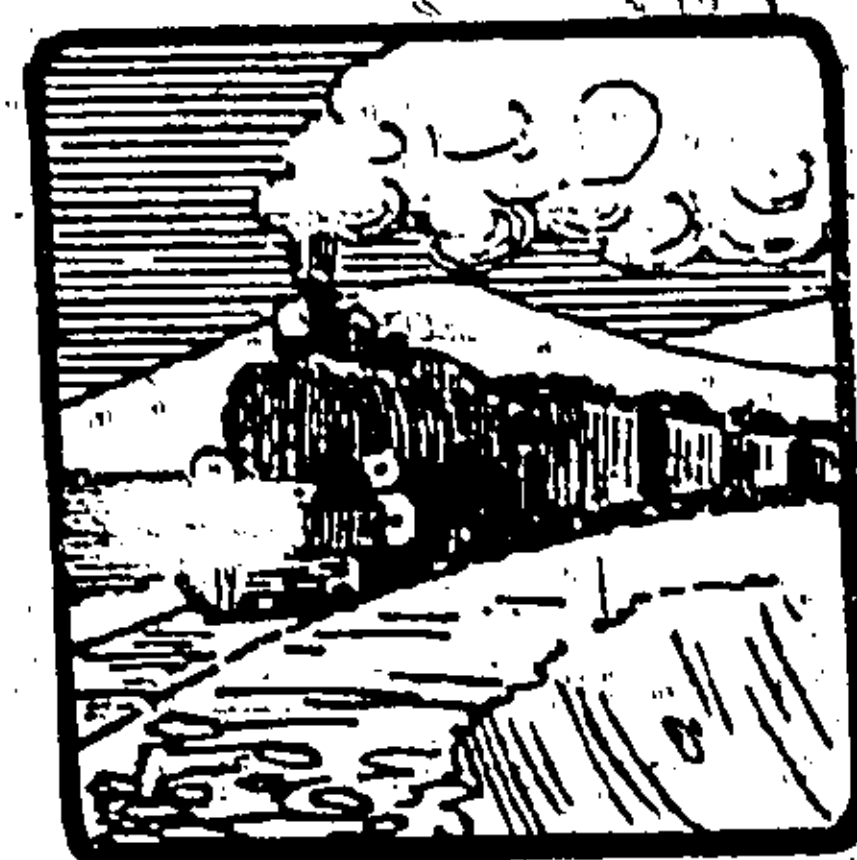
She (sic) been in my employment for two years. She is a splendid worker, reliable, and of a most respectable family. I am very sorry to part with her. She is an exceedingly nice girl.

Woman's Sister.

The absence of the aspirate in the word "has" made Mr. Dunn suspicious, and he communicated with the police, who found that Mrs. Ashley Smith was Simpson's sister, and the wife of a labourer in humble circumstances. Mrs. Smith said that she had written a reference for another sister, Beatrice, who was in service near Hyde Park.

Mr. Bingle (the magistrate): They seem to make a regular practice of these false characters; it is a common form for the family. He added that it was a serious thing for a maid-servant to misrepresent herself in this way. It was

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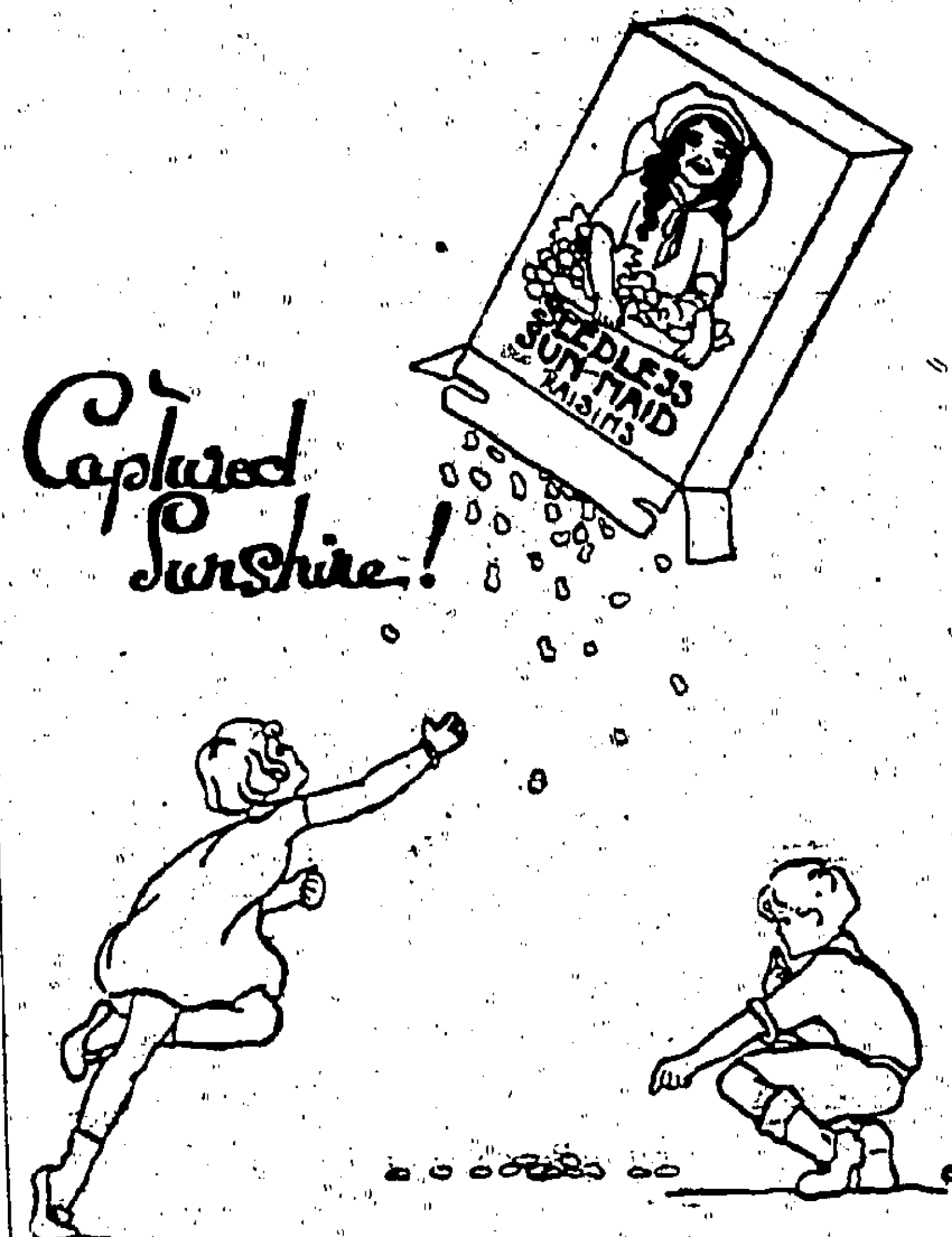


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BIG FIRE AT KONGMOON.**\$500,000 DAMAGE.****FIRE BRIGADE HELPLESS.****[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]**

CANTON, December 23rd.

The latest reports from Kongmoon state that a big fire occurred in the city last Tuesday night, completely destroying 23 shops and buildings and partially demolishing 11 more. About 30 sampans also caught fire and burned to the water's edge. An estimate of the loss is upward of \$500,000. It is not known if there were any fatalities.

The cause of the fire is also unknown. Some people say that it was due to carelessness of the *fokis* of the Heung Hing Bakery, while others maintain that it was due to the *fokis* of the Shang Yuen Lumber Shop who had cooked their "siu yai," a sort of night meal, just before retiring. Anyhow these two stores were adjacent to one another and the fire had its origin in them. The proprietors and *fokis* of these two shops refused to admit that they caused the fire, each party accusing the other.

A strong north wind was blowing at the time, and before people in the adjacent streets knew what was happening the whole of the big Shang Yuen Lumber Shop with its very large quantity of dry lumber and other combustible material was on fire. The flames shot more than 40 feet into the air and spread rapidly to windward. The sparks flew in every direction and a few minutes later, several other blocks of shops and houses were in flames. The fire by this time was so terrific that it swept across the West River, setting more than 30 sampans on fire. The whole of the floating population of Kongmoon was in a panic and tried to move their crafts to safety. But many were overtaken by fire and had to abandon their burning boats. The harbour was thick with sampans at the time of the disaster and the crowded condition was a big hindrance to getting to safety.

NO MODERN FIRE ENGINES.

The fire Brigade of Kongmoon responded admirably. Every available man on the staff was called out, but the conflagration was so fierce that it could not be got under control until the next morning. Moreover, all the fire fighting apparatus was of the crudest sort and there are no modern fire engines in Kongmoon.

When the conflagration was at its height, the people in the streets shouted and ran in every direction for shelter. Store keepers were panic-stricken at the approaching catastrophe and tried to move their wares into neighbouring streets, but, owing to the suddenness of the fire and the darkness not much could be saved. Thousands of people are now homeless and are camping on the outskirts of the city.

BIGGEST FIRE SINCE 1918.

This was the biggest fire in Kongmoon since 1918. The trade of the city will be badly affected, for Kongmoon is the key port for transshipment of cargoes to the interior of Kwangtung. Hong Kong steamers go as far as Kongmoon and from this point the cargoes are unloaded and transferred to sampans and river junks for transshipment to the interior of the Province.

AMENDED PRISON RULES.

The Hong Kong Government Gazette announces the following amendments to the local Prison Rules and Regulations:—

Rule No. 239 has been rescinded and substituted by the following:—

"Such measurements, finger prints, marks, and particulars of any kind, shall be taken, on admission or at any other time, as the Superintendent shall direct."

To Rule No. 322, the following has been added:—

"Upon the release of any prisoner by reason of remission earned by him, his sentence or cumulative sentences, in the case may be, shall be deemed to have expired."

NEW DOLLAR PIECES FOR CANTON.**MINTING STARTED YESTERDAY.****TO BE CIRCULATED IN NEW YEAR.****[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]**

CANTON, Dec. 23rd.

The Canton Mint has to-day started coining new dollar coins of the 13th year of the Chinese Republic. The value of these dollars will be the same as of those issued in North China, their composition being 90 per cent silver and 10 per cent copper.

But their appearance will not be the same, for the dollars coined in Canton will bear the portrait of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen while those minted up North have Yuan Shih Kai's picture.

The Canton finance authorities have just bought 500,000 ounces of silver bullion in Hong Kong for the issue. The coins will not be put into circulation until the beginning of the next year. They are daily brought to the Central Bank of China for custody until the time has arrived for circulation.

A NEW RAILWAY APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Tang Shih Hok has succeeded Mr. George Bow as Managing Director of the Canton-Shamshui Railway, the latter having resigned some weeks ago. The appointment of Mr. Tang to the Managing Directorship was made public yesterday by the Canton Political Council upon the recommendation of the Provincial Department of Reconstruction. Our correspondent has not been able to find out the real cause of Mr. George Bow's resignation, but it was thought to be due to labour trouble.

TRADE IN COPPER CASH.

Copper cash in Canton are steadily dwindling in value. A few weeks ago one could get 32 for a twenty cent piece. Last week the exchange was 31 to a twenty cent silver coin. But now one has to give 34 copper cash in order to exchange a twenty cent silver piece. The reason for this is that there has been a considerable amount of copper cash smuggled into Canton.

Our correspondent understands that in Shikwan and Shanghai one could get 41 or 42 copper cash for a twenty cent piece of Canton money. Consequently one could make a safe margin of profit by smuggling copper cash into Canton. When here, they are sold to small money exchangers who in turn put them in circulation at a reduced rate. The Canton authorities have been on the alert and are trying hard to run to earth these smugglers. Recently large quantities of copper cash were seized and confiscated by the Customs authorities.

CANTON'S TELEPHONE SERVICE.**IMPORTANT EXTENSIONS.**

The staff of the Department of Reconstruction is busily engaged on the preparation of plans for the construction of several long-distance telephone lines to connect Canton with the more important cities in the outer districts of the province. Such a network of communications will be a great convenience not only to commercial interests, but to all sections of the public.

The first line will be between Canton and Hong Kong. It was originally proposed to run a submarine cable between the two ports, says the Canton Gazette, but latterly the experts engaged on the problem have been giving considerable attention to the possibilities of using a land line. The pros and cons of both schemes are receiving close consideration, and there is still indecision as to which scheme is the better. This will be the first line to be built, and all the attention of the staff is concentrated on this problem as it is desired to begin the construction as early as possible.

Other lines that have been planned will connect Canton with Kongmoon, on the West River, with Hoihow, on the island of Hainan, and Shikwan, also on the West River. Each of these three cities is the distributing centre for its respective district, and a tremendous volume of trade is handled at each port.

The Provincial Government Council has given its approval to these schemes, and every effort is to be made to push forward realization of these plans.

"ROSE MARIE."**EXCITING FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.****THE PARISIAN REVUE.****SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES.****[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]**

"Rose Marie," the cinematograph edition of the popular musical comedy, makes an exciting film which you can see to-day at the Queen's. The film varies somewhat from the stage version but it tells, except in one incident a coherent and credible story which is interesting throughout and very well acted. The only part where the mechanics seem to creak is in the elimination of the unnecessary husband. We are shown him ill it is true but it is a little surprising when the next picture shows his wife setting off with husband number two. That however is a minor detail, as cinema husbands are apt to be, both on celluloid and in real life. For the rest there is nothing but praise for "Rose Marie."

The story is of the type familiar to all lovers of "Westerns." Its venue is the backwoods of Canada, and its players, trappers, Indians, the North West Police, and the lovely, untamed heroine Rose Marie. Some of the scenery is magnificent and every advantage has been taken of natural beauties to help the film artistically. The cast too has been well chosen with regard to types, from the villain "Black Basten" to the very attractive "Sergeant Malone" of whose charm strangely enough Rose Marie seems unaware since she prefers her outlaw "Jim" (House Peters).

Rose Marie is loved by the sergeant and by a young Frenchman Etienne (Creighton Hale) when she meets the outlaw Jim who is suspected of murder. To save the latter she marries Etienne and when she is on her honeymoon the canoe is wrecked and Jim saves her life and her husband's. They all three take refuge in a deserted hut to which comes the sergeant who is tracking Jim and his villainous partner Basten. While the three men who love Rose Marie are talking Basten appears with an automatic and holds them all up. He shoots the sergeant and Etienne, and things begin to look dark for the heroine when Jim manages to kill the villain by throwing a knife.

One supposes that the sergeant and the husband both die since Rose Marie and Jim are next seen paddling their canoe out of the picture alone and very happy.

It is an excellent film and one which is suitable to the holiday season since it is of the band that can be enjoyed equally by children and their parents.

CARPI'S PARISIAN REVUE.

Carpi's Parisian Revue which is giving a short performance every night this week, is something quite unusual for Hong Kong and very considerably above the average of the usual cinema "extra turn." It might, if last night's programme is any criterion, have been more happily entitled "Carpi's Russian Ballet" for that is what it is in point of fact.

The artists are all Russians and their performance is arranged as a series of ballets some of which are accompanied by singing. The *decor* is unusual and very attractive and the same might be said of the costumes in which a desire to be daring has been made primarily a servant of art, not the other way round as is all too frequent.

The two chief dancers, Olga Mangelle and Boris Seroff, give a very fine performance in their "Dance of the Mirrors" and do several "stunts" which are the prerogative of only those who have gone through a long training in getting their muscles absolutely under control. The chorus too is very well trained.

The audience last night were perhaps a little affected by Christmas leave, but their high spirits and rather over-enthusiastic applause did not disconcert the artists, although they prevented their voices from being heard to advantage. However Christmas comes but once a year and no one really minds if the men are like the good-natured children of last night.

Carpi's Parisian Revue is certainly worth seeing and we hope that they will pay another visit to Hong Kong.

There is a complete change of programme on Tuesday and again on Thursday.

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WHAMPOA HARBOUR SCHEME.**EXPERTS VISIT MACAO.**

Mr. Li Lu Chao, Director General of the Whampoa Port Development Company, recently paid a visit to the neighbouring port of Macao to see the works that have been constructed there for the improvement and protection of the harbour, and also to inspect the plant and equipment of the Netherlands Harbour Works Company, the firm of engineers who built the Macao works, and who are now interested in the Whampoa scheme.

An inspection of the Macao works serves to give some idea of the nature of the constructions that may be necessary in the development of the Whampoa scheme, and at the same time advantage was taken of the opportunity to view the plant of the Dutch firm since they are desirous of securing the contract for building Whampoa port.

The Canton Gazette says Mr. Li Lu Chao displayed considerable interest in all that was explained to him, and seemed to be impressed with the completeness of the equipment he saw. The Whampoa Port scheme being of such magnitude it is highly important that the firm undertaking the work possess the necessary resources and equipment, and one of the reasons for Mr. Li's trip was to satisfy himself that the Netherlands Harbour Works Company was well placed in this respect.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.**WEEKLY VACCINATION RETURN.**

The number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge from December 3rd to December 21st—by Members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Friday, the 21st instant is:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	21,189
King's College Division	7,782
Railway Division	3,939
Indian Division	2,101
Kowloon Division	47,769
Mongkok Division	48,119
Shaukiwan Division	5,617
On Long	706
St. Joseph's College Division	5,992
Victoria Nursing Division	432
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	318
Grand Total	134,276

FILMS SHEWING THIS WEEK.

Queen's.
To-day: "Rose Marie."
Tomorrow and Wednesday: "Hula," a story of Hawaii with Clara Bow and Olive Brook.
Thursday to Saturday: "The Divine Woman," Greta Garbo and Lars Hansen in the adventures of a theatrical star who tired of adulation.

World.
To-day: 5.15 and 9.0, Gloria Swanson in "Stage Struck," the adventures of a little sewing girl. At 2.30 and 7.15, Chinese picture "Nemesis" Part II.
Tomorrow and Wednesday: "The Better Ole." The film version, with Syd Chaplin, of a famous war comedy.

Thursday to Saturday: "Seventh Heaven," one of the most popular pictures of the year with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

Star.
To-day: Richard Dix and Esther Ralston in a rollicking college story "The Quarterback."
Tomorrow and Wednesday: Harold Lloyd in "Hot Water."

Thursday to Saturday: "Paris at Midnight" with Lionel Barrymore, Jetta Goudal, and Mary Brian.

CINEMA NEWS.**"THE DIVINE WOMAN."**

Greta Garbo takes the leading part in "The Divine Woman," at the Queen's from Thursday to Saturday next.

Produced by Victor Seastrom, the story tells the adventures of a French actress who, tired of the favours shown to her by wealthy admirers, returns to her first love, a deserter from the French Army.

Lars Hansen, the distinguished Swedish actor plays this part and it is said that he here gives the best performance of his career.

Signor Carpi's Parisian Revue will appear during the 2.30 performance in a complete change of programme.

NATIONALISATION OF LAND.**MUSSOLINI'S REVOLUTIONARY SCHEME.**

The recent Fascist law for the "integral land reclamation" of all the national territory which can be reclaimed has been illuminated by a circular of Mussolini to the prefects, which makes clear the vastness and importance of the plan.

The scheme practically amounts to making the whole of Italy available for national purposes, such as agriculture, transport, hydro-electric works and farm dwellings with the obligatory co-operation of the landed proprietors.

The daring innovation, whose import has perhaps hardly yet been fully recognised is referred to here in the Press as "the new function of property," and an idea of the conception may be gathered from the following quotation from the Rome Press:—"The new principle creates a new moral and national foundation for private property, which, respected and defended by the State, is no longer conceived as something egoistic, individual and extraneous to the general interest of the nation. Private property has a limit when the interests of the state are touched."

Prevention of Unemployment.

In the vast national land reclamation scheme of the Duce, one of whose immediate objects is to render unemployment practically non-existent in Italy, both individual land owners and corporations owning land are called to participate.

The recent circular of Mussolini to the prefects says:—"Taking into consideration the enactment of the law and the state of preparation of the technical means to make a beginning, it is obligatory on individual proprietors to present their plans to the technical offices so that they may be carried into effect at the earliest possible date." The circular goes on to state that if the proprietors fail to present their plans, the prefects are to substitute themselves for the owners in the carrying-out of the works considered necessary.

Italy Self-Supporting.
The revolutionary effect of this vast plan can hardly be estimated on the future of Italy. It must eventually lead to Italy becoming entirely self-sufficient in the matter of wheat production, as well as in a great number of other agricultural products.

The building of the numerous roads, which are to be considered as part of the "integral land reclamation scheme," has an economic and military importance which are obvious.

It is estimated that under the present technical plans, which are capable of being extended, 2,000,000 hectares of land will be reclaimed. This is roughly 4,471,000 acres.

The method of procedure is as follows:—Private owners or corporations owning reclaimable land must individually, or by forming themselves into consortia, make application to have their plans approved by the Government technicians. The engineers of the Public Works Ministry will examine the projects, and if they approve them a concession will be granted to the owner or consortium to reclaim the land according to the established scheme.

A contribution is given by the State for these land-reclaiming concessions in the proportion of Lire 680,000 for every million lire expended. The State's subsidy is, however, not paid at once, but is spread over a period of 30 years, so that actually the proprietors receive Lire 53,500 a year for each million lire invested. This State contribution is granted for the most extensive kind of land reclamation where the works include the building of roads. In simple irrigation projects, the State only contributes to an amount of 40 per cent of the total.

The cost of the entire programme is estimated at 7,300 million lire, of which the State will contribute 3,800 millions; the balance will be borne by the proprietors.

Taxes on Land.

The State will, however, recuperate itself to some extent for this huge outlay by the taxes they will derive from the products of the reclaimed land as they are gradually laid under cultivation.

A considerable portion of the 4,471,000 acres to be reclaimed will be under cultivation long before the 14 years have expired, with great benefit to the national economy and the Ministry of Finance, which will draw taxes from them.

On unreclaimed land, the State at present draws in various taxes Lire 1.20 for every hectare. When the land is reclaimed and under cultivation the State will benefit to the extent of Lire 1.89 per hectare; these figures are based on previous reclamation schemes.

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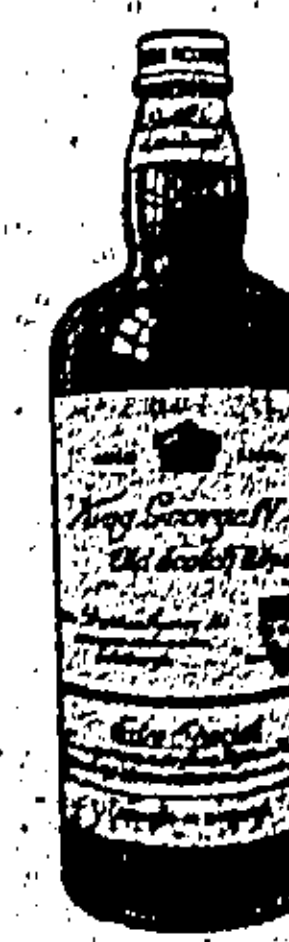
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Increased Agricultural Production.

Statistics of past land reclamation schemes in Italy show the enormous increase in agricultural production. Before the reclamation schemes in North Italy were effected, the agricultural production amounted to 127 million lire. To-day it totals 1,050 million lire. In the same way, before reclamation the figures for livestock were 103,000, while the returns at present show 241,000.

The tax returns for the same re-

claimed districts in North Italy showed an income for the Finance Ministry of only 413,000 lire, while to-day they amount to 655,000,000 lire.

This scheme of "integral land reclamation" is generally admitted to be one of the most ambitious and extensive plans so far advanced by Mussolini, and its effect on the future of Italy can easily be imagined. Though the entire project will take 14 years to carry out, results will begin to appear within even three or four years.

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NOTICE

ON MONDAY, THE 24th DECEMBER, ALL DEPARTMENTS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 7 P.M.
(ON CHRISTMAS DAY, AND WEDNESDAY, THE 26th DECEMBER, ALL DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CLOSED.)

ON THESE DAYS, THE HONG KONG DISPENSARY, Dispensing Department, will be OPEN for Dispensing Prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.
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Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1928. [7138]

GOVERNMENT MILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE AND MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the 24th December, 1928, up to and for the sum of \$20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICER, and the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, on the 24th DECEMBER, 1928.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount (in Pounds Sterling), No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than \$100. The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICER, and the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, on the 24th DECEMBER, 1928.

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.
Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.
Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 33 (George III), Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 53, the acceptance of any tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by or on behalf of the Government for the general benefit of the Colony."
A. S. HERRBERT, Major, R.A.P.C.,
Treasury Chest Officer,
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hong Kong. [7139]

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CHINA SETTLING DOWN.

BRITAIN'S RECOGNITION OF NANKING GOVERNMENT APPROVED.

ROLLING STOCK TO BE GIVEN UP BY MILITARY.

THE DEMOBILISATION CONFERENCE.

At the present moment the Nanking Government appears to be in a strong position. Following Britain's recognition of the Nationalists, France has signed a tariff treaty. Britain's action, by the way, has met with general approval in London and the United States. America is also showing her confidence in the Chinese Government by ordering the withdrawal of a thousand men from the Tientsin garrison.

The big demobilisation conference is to open on Wednesday and a favourable detail is that Chang Hsueh Liang is sending a Manchurian representative.

Pei Chung Hsi has also reported that he is returning some of the rolling stock that has for so long been a perquisite of the military.

Minor troubles continue on the Yangtze but it is not expected that complete peace will be restored yet awhile.

SINO-FRENCH TARIFF TREATY.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22nd.

A new Sino-French tariff treaty was signed in Shanghai yesterday evening.

The terms have not been divulged.

M. Martel is starting for Nanking to-morrow by gunboat and from there will return to Peking by train.

BRITAIN AND NANKING GOVERNMENT.

SATISFACTION FELT IN AMERICA.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 22nd.

Britain's formal recognition of the Chinese Nationalist Government is regarded here in the nature of a triumph for British diplomacy. The *New York Times* points out that "The long sighted view has prevailed." Both times. The *World* applauds the "fact that the latest move on the part of the British Foreign Office has apparently ruled out any question of a revival" of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

The "Times" Approves.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22nd.

A blessing has been given to the Anglo-Chinese treaty in a *Times* leader acclaiming the signature as a vindication of the policy which Britain has consistently pursued since the Washington Conference. It says that compared with the tariff rates of many European countries the new duties may be regarded as fairly modest.

It rejoices in China's pledge to abolish *hukin*, the fulfilment of which is an essential part of the Agreement, which should immensely assist the present regime and consolidate their authority. Alluding to the fact that Japan has hitherto not concluded a treaty with China the newspaper states that separate action by Britain proves that while desirous of adhering as closely as possible to the letter and spirit of the recent understanding in favour of diplomatic collaboration, Britain does not allow its policy thereby to be sterilised.

H.M.S. "Bee" Joins In Salutes.

HANKOW, Dec. 22nd.

Rear Admiral H. J. Tweedie arrived here this morning in H.M.S. "Bee".

Shortly before noon the booming of guns from a Chinese gunboat and the *Dec* and the interchanging of salutes announced locally Great Britain's official recognition of the Nationalists.

ROLLING STOCK GIVEN UP BY MILITARY.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 23rd.

Mr. Sun Fo has received a wire from General Pei Chung Hsi stating that the latter has returned the rolling stock, belonging to the various railways, which has been used for military transportation. Seventeen locomotives and 251 cars have been sent to the Peking-Hankow Railway, six locomotives and 125 cars to the Peking-Hankow Railway, one loco and 25 freight cars to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

U.S.A. TROOPS TO LEAVE TIENTSIN.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23rd.

The Sixth Regiment and the Engineer Corps, stationed at Tientsin, comprising a thousand men, have been ordered home at the end of January.

H.M. THE KING BETTER.

NEARLY OUT OF DANGER.

YESTERDAY'S HOPEFUL STATEMENT.

No news was received here yesterday evening of the King's condition, but the *Sunday Times* made the announcement, evidently on good authority, that it was hoped that His Majesty could, in a day or two, be regarded as out of the danger zone.

The bulletin over the week end, though worded with customary caution, show that the Royal patient is making a steady, though necessarily slow, improvement.

LONDON, December 23rd

10.55 a.m.

The *Sunday Times* understands that although the King's progress is slow, the doctors have strong hopes of being able to announce "on or about Christmas Day" that His Majesty is definitely out of danger.

FRIDAY.

Slow But Good Progress.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSY, December 21st.

No bulletin was issued this afternoon regarding the King it being intimated that no further one would be given out until this evening. This is regarded as indication that the King continues to make good if slow progress and that the doctors are satisfied with course of events.

The favourable turn in the King's condition coming as it has done on the eve of Christmas-tide has relieved public anxiety and created a more cheerful outlook generally.

Queen Presides Over Council Of State.

The Counsellors of State appointed by the King during his illness held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace, the Queen presiding. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Premier (Mr. Stanley Baldwin), the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chancellor (Lord Hailsham) were other councillors present together with the Home Secretary (Sir W. Joynson Hicks). A certain number of matters arising out of the adjournment of Parliament were settled apart from routine business.

Prince George Back In London.

Prince George, the King's youngest son, arrived at Southampton today from New York in the Cunard liner *Berengaria*. He was greeted by the Mayor of Southampton who expressed the fervent hope that the King would be speedily restored to health. The Prince yesterday (Thursday) celebrated his twenty-sixth birthday. A large iced birthday cake, beautifully ornamented, made specially for the occasion by the confectioner of the *Berengaria*, was put up for auction and a sum of £1,088 was realised for the Distressed Miners Fund. The Prince reached London this evening and proceeded to Buckingham Palace.

The Evening Bulletin.

The bulletin issued to-night states that the King has had a quiet day. The local and general condition take a very slow though favourable course.

Sir Stanley Hewitt.

Sir Hugh Rigby.

Lord Dawson of Penn.

Anxiety Allevated.

To-night for the first time since the King's illness developed seriously an air of confidence was noticeable in the Palace.

The progress which His Majesty has been making has been of the slowest and it must be some little time before complete confidence can be felt, but the anxiety of the past fortnight has now been allayed considerably.

SATURDAY.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 22nd

A Fair Night.

The bulletin issued at 11.30 a.m. states that the King had a fair night and his condition is unchanged.

A Quiet Day.

The bulletin issued at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday states that the King had a quiet day. There is no change in his progress to report, and no further bulletin will be issued until Sunday evening.

Very Little Change.

The bulletin is, under the circumstances, regarded as satisfactory. It is noteworthy that the doctors state that there is no change in His Majesty's progress, not that there is no change in his condition, which is taken to mean that the King is continuing to make very slow progress. It is gathered, however, that there is very little change in His Majesty, and to-night Sir Stanley Hewitt and Doctor Woodhouse, who have been attending the King since his illness, were seen by the public for the first time since the King's illness.

WORLD'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

BUSY SCENES IN LONDON.

RUSH TO SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 23rd.

Public relief at the improvement in the King's health was manifested by an unprecedented stir on the Eve of Christmas holidays. The rush to the country came to a climax during the last two days when huge crowds left the principal London Stations. To give some idea of the rush eleven heavily laden expresses left King's Cross for Scotland yesterday night. The "Flying Scotsman" has been duplicated daily since Tuesday.

Fourteen main line trains from Euston had to be duplicated and the traffic to Ireland has been so heavily that extra boats had to be run in all services.

AMERICANS TO EXCEL THEMSELVES.

New York, Dec. 21st.

America is expected to celebrate Christmas according to its usual fashion, only even more so. In fact this is to be the most sumptuous Christmas on record.

Money is circulating like the Nile in flood. For Stock Exchange and Banking employees the share bonuses total over \$25,000,000 amounting in many cases to an additional year's salary.

The best mince meat and plum puddings are being made with brandy imported from England. Scotch whisky is obtainable clandestinely at fifty shillings a bottle and "champagne" manufactured in California at \$12 a bottle.

FOR LARGE FAMILIES IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Dec. 21st.

Large families in France will enjoy a happy Christmas as a result of the bequest by a childless millionaire of Cognac and his wife setting aside a large sum of which the interest is distributed annually. The Academy has just announced that 200 beneficiaries are receiving eighty to two hundred sterling each. Most of the recipients consist of families of nine to fourteen children.

NEW YORK CHURCH GUTTED.

A TWO MILLION DOLLAR BUILDING.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 23rd.

North River district was lit up by a spectacular fire last night which gutted the stone church being erected by Mr. Rockefeller, junior, at a cost of two million million dollars.

The Park Avenue Baptist Church, built by Mr. Rockefeller, bought from England as a memorial to his mother has not yet been removed from the older building and therefore escaped.

PARIS POLITICAL CRIME.

TO SAVE ALSACE-LORRAINE.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 21st.

A well-known politician, Mr. Faehot, was attacked to-day and seriously injured by a man named Benoit who at once surrendered to the police.

On being interrogated Benoit said that he was an "Automaton" and his purpose was to save Alsace-Lorraine.

A report that M. Faehot was dead has been corrected and he is stated to be "somewhat better."

SALVATION ARMY LEADERSHIP.

MISS EVANGELINE BOOTH'S SUCCESSION PROPOSED.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 22nd.

Miss Evangeline Booth, the prominent Salvationist, accompanied by her personal staff, secretly sailed under an assumed name to attend the High Council of the Army at Sunbury-on-Thames, on January 8th.

It is understood that the American delegation propose to appoint Miss Evangeline Booth as the Salvation Army's head of her brother, General Bramwell Booth. [The High Council at Sunbury-on-Thames is to decide whether General Bramwell Booth, in view of his recent grave illness, is able to continue as head of the Army. There have been rumours of many dissensions at Headquarters and of opposition to the further claims of the Booth family. Miss Evangeline Booth is the seventh child of the late General Booth, the founder of the "Army."]

AFGHAN REBELS REPULSED.

STRENUOUS FIGHTING.

BRITISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVE BY AIR.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

Moscow, Dec. 23rd.

A message from Kabul states that the situation in Afghanistan has considerably improved. The royal troops claim that they have driven the rebels out of a number of fortified positions near Bagabala, Kandahar and Jalalabad. The Mamanda tribe is advancing on the latter city to the aid of the Government.

Enterprising Queen Mother.

Meanwhile the King's mother who is very popular among the southern tribes has set out to Kandahar by air.

REBELS DRIVEN BACK.

LONDON, Dec. 23rd.

The Afghan Legation declares that the general situation at Kabul and in the eastern provinces has considerably improved and the Government forces are in a very strong position.

The rebels have been driven back some thirty-five miles to the north of Kabul. Consequently all roads leading to Kabul have been cleared and communication with the capital has been restored. Aeroplane services have also been resumed.

KING AMANULLAH AT KANDAHAR.

New Delhi, Dec. 23rd.

A message from Quetta states that King Amanullah has gone to Kandahar.

SACRED BOOKS REMOVED TO SAFETY.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 22nd.

A number of the sacred books at Peshawar have been brought to Peshawar for safe custody. As is quiet at Daska City but Jalalabad is closely besieged and it is impossible to relieve it owing to the disorders at Kabul.

BRITISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVE.

New Delhi, Dec. 23rd.

The Government of Afghanistan has agreed that the British Air Force shall remove all Indian and British women and children from the Legation at Kabul to-day.

The Kabul wireless station has sent the following message to Peshawar: "The British Legation is safe. Don't be anxious. Your messages are being delivered to the British Legation."

Royal Air Force planes are to leave for Kabul at dawn to-day to evacuate Indian and British women and children.

AIRSHIP AND FOUR AEROPLANES.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 23rd.

A British airship and four aeroplanes brought back here all women and children from the British Legation at Kabul.

WHY PRECAUTIONS WERE NEEDED.

LONDON, Dec. 21st.

Further light is thrown on the recent serious disturbances in Afghanistan particularly in reference to Kabul by the Afghan Legation in London, which apparently is keeping in close touch with the situation by wireless, via Moscow.

It is now stated that the tribesmen with whom Sir Francis Humphries, the British Minister, conversed last week end and who assured the British Minister that the British Legation was in no danger, were well armed robbers, numbering at least 7,000 disguised as Afghan troops.

This fact explains the report that part of the army had revolted. The robber army was later completely routed by the Government troops, and driven back into the hills to the north of Kabul.

Agha guards at the British Legation amount to only half a dozen police for protection, and the premises are incapable of defence against an organised force. The other Legations are similarly placed, but they are in easy reach of the centre of the city.

THE SIMON COMMISSION.

QUIET ARRIVAL IN CALCUTTA.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23rd.

Although the train conveying the members of the Simon Commission was guarded by police on the journey from Patna the commissions arrival here was absolutely quiet. The boycott element was staging a reception in honour of Motilal Nehru. The procession accompanying him was attended by record crowds.

INDIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT ENGLAND.

His Majesty's Government welcomes the suggestion of the Simon Commission that the Indian Central Committee should visit England.

The Indian Central Committee, which is to be headed by Mr. Motilal Nehru, is to be accompanied by a number of the Free Conference, and guests of the British Government, visit.

NEW REPARATIONS COMMITTEE.

AGREEMENT AS TO ITS COMPOSITION.

INDEPENDENT EXPERTS FROM SIX COUNTRIES.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22nd.

A communiqué states that Mr. Poincaré and the German Ambassador, Herr von Hoesch, have arrived at an agreement to which the other Governments have assented, about the constitution of the committee of experts who are to draw up proposals for a complete and final settlement of the reparations problems on the lines decided upon at Geneva last September.

It was, further, agreed that it was most desirable in the common interests of all nations concerned that the United States should participate in the work of the committee of experts and that these should not be bound by their respective Governments' instructions.

To Meet In Paris.

Each of the six countries concerned is to appoint two experts who may appoint deputy assistants. The committee will first of all meet in Paris and shall present a report to the Governments and the Reparation Commission.

The Experts of the Creditor Powers which participated in the Geneva decision shall be appointed either by the Governments themselves or by the Reparation Committee but Germany shall appoint its own experts.

AMERICA'S SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22nd.

It is expected that the British Ambassador will shortly approach the United States Government on the question of the participation of American experts in the work of the Committee which is to study the German reparations problem. Although no formal invitation has yet been received it is understood that President Coolidge would be sympathetic to the proposal. Mr. Coolidge feels that the matter is one almost entirely involving Europe and should be settled by the European nations but does not wish the United States to shirk its duty.

The President is of the opinion that a study should be made of the problem by representatives who should be given a free hand by the Governments concerned to exercise their own judgment as regards the amounts which they consider payable.

LEIPZIG SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT.

RESIGNS AFTER DISPUTE WITH REICH.

TO TAKE EFFECT APRIL 1st.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 21st.

Dr. Simons, the President of the Supreme Court at Leipzig, which is the highest German judicial authority, has resigned, owing to a clash with the Reich Government. The clash occurred because the Government did not await Dr. Simons' decision on a petition from Baden for an injunction to prevent the Government from filling vacancies on the Board of State Railways before January 1st.

President Hindenburg has expressed the opinion that the Government acted constitutionally and not encroached on the constitutional rights of the Supreme Court.

The Chancellor, Herr Muller, reiterates that the Government was obliged to fill the vacancies by December 14th to prevent serious prejudice of the Reich interests. He emphasises that the Government has no intention of showing contempt for the State tribunal's authority.

Dr. Simons is proceeding to Berlin to confer with President Hindenburg on the matter.

RESIGNATION ADHERED TO.

BERLIN, Dec. 22nd.

A later message states that Dr. Simons as a result of a conference with President Hindenburg and the Chancellor Herr Muller and the Minister of Justice insisted upon his resignation being effective next April 1st. He admits, however, in view of the letter received from the Chancellor that the Government did not intend to show contempt towards the authority of the Supreme Court.

MEXICO CITY IN FERMENT.

MR. HOOVER NOT WANTED.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22nd.

"Hoover not wanted here, Long live Sandino" is the slogan of groups of men and women who have been demonstrating against the presence of Mr. Hoover's proposed expedition against the bandits.

RUSSO-GERMAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, Dec. 21st.

The Russo-German Economic Conference, which is to be held in Moscow, is to be preceded by a signing of a Protocol, with eight supplements, defining trade and commercial agreements which will come into force soon.

HOLBORN GAS EXPLOSION.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY ORDERED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSY, Dec. 21st.

Masked workmen this afternoon succeeded in seeking up the great gas main beneath the road in High Street, Holborn, from which gas had been pouring since the explosion that did so much damage.

After the main had been sealed flames which had been spouting up in the centre of the road for thirty hours were put out. The authorities dared not put them out before as the flames acted as a safety valve by consuming escaping gas. Experts and officials are of opinion that although some risk of further explosion still exists greater danger has now passed.

The Cause?

Policemen, firemen, ambulance men and gas officials are still on guard lest further explosions should occur. One great point which has yet to be settled about the explosion is the primary cause. The Gas Company emphatically repudiates responsibility. They state that the trouble began in a duct conveying the telegraph cables of the Post Office where electrical work was in progress and express the opinion that the first explosion was due to bitumen gas generated by the insulation on electric cables and that this explosion damaged the gas mains and caused further trouble. It is understood that a Government Inquiry will be held to establish responsibility.

Three Workmen Gassed.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 22nd.

The Gas Company authorities believe that the danger of further explosions in Holborn has been overcome. The experts have decided to empty the mains, and to insert pressure bags from which the air can be taken gradually, thus allowing the gas to escape slowly. Three workmen were gassed during the night but they all recovered.

The Home Office commissioners, a body made up of two Government and one London County Council officials, have announced that they have ascertained the cause of the disaster. The question of legal responsibility does not come within their province.

The Holborn Council is endeavouring to saddle the Gas, Light and Cokes Company with the responsibility but the latter deny liability and intend to claim against the Post Office.

There is a keen controversy, however, regarding responsibility. The Gas Company not merely disavows liability but declare that they will send to the Postmaster-General a big bill for damages. The Postal officials decline to make any statement.

THE LATE MRS. MIAO.

BODY TO BE BROUGHT TO HONG KONG.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 21st.

A mystery was solved when it was learned to-day that the body of Mrs. Wai Sheng Yi Miao, the murdered bride of Chung Yi Miao, had been exhumed, but enquiries revealed that the exhumation was carried out by Mr. Walter Swinburne, who was largely instrumental in saving the dead woman from a pauper's grave by providing a plain oak coffin and by paying for the grave.

It is evident that the friends of the murdered woman in Hong Kong have made representations to the authorities in connection with the disposal of the body as the coffin was placed in a lead shell, which enclosed another oak coffin and sent from Kowloon to Birkenhead for shipment to Hong Kong with a view to re-interment.

It will be recalled that the crime occurred in the Cumberland Lane District on June 19th when Dr. Chung Yi Miao and his bride were on their honeymoon. The couple went out together, and Miao returned alone his wife being found later in the day strangled with window cords.

DEATH OF GENERAL CADORNA.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

ROME, Dec. 21st.

The death is announced of Marshal Count Luigi Cadorna, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Armies in the early part of the Great War.

His death was prematurely reported on the 18th instant, a subsequent message saying that he was lying in a grave condition at Corridonia.

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FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

MR. N. HASHIM'S "MY LADY" WINS BIG RACE.

SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS MEETING.

[BY EARLY BIRD.]

"One of the most successful meetings ever presented by the Fanling Hunt," was the general opinion of those who were fortunate enough to be present at Saturday's steeplechase meeting at Kwai. Many well-known followers of steeplechasing were present, including H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) and Mrs. Southern, accompanied by Captain A. J. L. Whyte (A.D.C.) and Mr. W. R. Scott (Private Secretary), H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. and Miss Luard, Lieut.-Colonel Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mrs. Comyn, and Miss Comyn, Major and Mrs. Lake, Lady Tyrwhitt, Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestley, Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. Chubb, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hutton-Potts, Major H. B. L. Duggan, Mr. F. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. Leung, Miss Zee, and Mr. F. Birkett and Dr. F. Pierce Grove, the joint Masters of the Fanling Hounds.

There is no doubt about the popularity of these small country meetings, when a very enjoyable afternoon may be spent with always a chance of getting a decent dividend on your financial candidate. Independent of whether he is a rising hot favourite or not. Ace of Spades, which I selected as the surest winner in Saturday's tips, paid the handsome dividend of \$15.00 for a win. My Lady, which I also tipped for a win, paid the extraordinary price of \$0.50 which was amazing considering she was such a hot favourite.

As I predicted in my notes for Saturday, the honours of meeting went to the Services. Lieut.-Colonel Comyn, Major Lake, Lieut. Shillington, and Lieut. Mattingley were amongst the winning owners, while Lieut. Shillington (who rode two winners), Captain Erskine, and Abel-Smith were the successful jockeys.

Mr. Hashim, the prominent Canton sportsman, registered his first steeplechase win with My Lady, a beautiful bay mare which with a practice should develop into Fanling's champion steeplechaser.

Mr. R. H. Charles, who had not ridden at Kwai for some considerable time, signalled his return to steeplechasing by piloting My Lady to victory in the Christmas Handicap.

Mr. Southern presented a very handsome silver plate (donated by the ladies of the Fanling Hunt) to Mr. Shillington, who rode his own pony Ace of Spades in the Ladies' Plate.

THE RACING.

Christmas Maidens.

Carrying two pounds overweight Target, Dr. Reidy's mount in the opening event, was made favourite but failed to justify the support of his backers. Grey Eyes, beautifully handled by Lieut. Erskine, of the Guards, proved the winner, which was rather good for his connections, who have recently acquired the pony which has won at the first time of asking.

Newfoundland, a recent arrival from the North, was none too prominent in the race, although it was freely rumoured that he was a good thing, which report had the effect of causing the public to back him down to second favourite.

Off to a good start, Tarzali was in the lead taking the water jump, but as soon as the field began to settle down Target took command, with May gaining ground on the outside. At Loos Leap, which is the jump at the bottom end of the straight, it was only natural that Dr. Reidy's mount should be in charge of the field, as the jump in question was named after our crack steeplechase rider. Target continued to hold the lead till opposite the river bend, when Tarzali gradually overhauled him and accompanied the leader over two fences in the back country, when he gradually began to fall off and made way for Grey Eyes, who was taking his hurdles with great dash and looked to have a winning chance even before entering the straight. Good judgment on Mr. Erskine's part gave him a good position for the last jump, which he managed beautifully right on the heels of Target, who was not equal to the challenge and lost by the small margin of a head after an exciting set-to with the winner.

Clark, who was riding May, was unfortunate in losing his stirrup early in the race, which spoilt his good chance of getting a place. The verdict was: Grey Eyes, 1st; Target, 2nd; and As You Like It, 3rd.

United Service Race.

Mr. Mattingley, who, although he was carrying 16 lbs. overweight, almost turned the tables on James Pigg, who had beaten him at the previous meeting. Taking the lead and riding a forced race from the fall of the flag, he had the race almost won when one of his leathers came away, which caused his mount to overbalance and ditch him just when he looked all over a winner. Nicely lined up at the fall Mr. Fiddes Wilson's starts were a feature of the day. Dumbell commenced early and had a substantial lead at the water-jump first time round. Tap Siae was close up, with the favourite striding nicely in the rear. Man-of-War was last. At the river-bend James Pigg began to move forward, passed Tap Siae, and was gradually getting on terms with the leader, who was seen to topple two hurdles from home. Abel-Smith, who was also carrying 8 lbs. overweight, cleverly took a pull at his mount when he saw Dumbell crash and afforded his mount a respite, which gave him plenty in hand to subsequently run in an easy victor. Durham spoilt a very excellent effort by stumbling after landing over the last jump, and although I do not think it would have had any bearing on the final result, it was an unfortunate blunder at such a critical moment. Tap Siae finished third, to pay his supporters the handsome dividend of \$10.00 for a place.

Ladies' Plate.

A wonderful compliment to the riding ability of Dr. Reidy was shown when the public selected his mount "Mowgli" as the favourite, despite the fact that the crack steeplechaser Ace of Spades was included in the runners. In my notes on Saturday I tipped Ace of Spades as the biggest certainty of the meeting, and actually described the race beforehand. In his customary fashion Ace of Spades gained a commanding lead in the early stages of the race, which allowed him to run in easy winner at least fifteen lengths to the good. Little River came an awful cropper in the country, bringing down Caviare, who, however, was remounted and put up a spirited challenge to Solitaire, who eventually sent him by a length for third place. There is no doubt about the class of the winner as a steeplechaser; he is a safe fencer, and although he cannot produce anything better than ordinary "C" Class form on the flat, I am certain there are few ponies who can put it over him in the country.

Christmas Handicap.

With only two practice attempts to his credit before the meeting, Mr. N. Hashim's breezy-looking candidate My Lady was made a hot favourite by the public, and returned backed a point short of even for the confidence. Drawing the inside berth at the post, no advantage was taken, however, as Charles pulled in well behind the field at the fall of the flag and gave the mare a good eye-full of what was happening in front before making any effort to place his mount in the field. The value of this race was apparent when My Lady passed the winning post the first time round and was pulling double in an endeavour to join the other runners. All her rider had to do was to sit tight until entering the straight, where the mare was given her head and finally romped home an easy winner, although the official verdict was only half a length. Siang River, who might have been placed, came a purlier in the country and went home on his own.

Also Ran Stakes.

This event would be better called the Forced Entry Stakes as it appears as if it is to remain a permanent institution in spite of the fact that owners in general would prefer to see it wiped out and an easy winner substituted. Owners who wish to give their candidates the best possible chance of winning their races do not as a rule begrudge entering their ponies liberally in events which they consider are worth winning. Why, therefore, are owners forced to enter their ponies in an "Also Ran" when they would not be inclined to start their candidates in a race of this description even if the entry was free? In support of my argument I would like to mention that out of 43 entries received for this forced event, 22 were non-winners as the winners of the meeting contained three ponies who had won at subsequent meetings, this left over 20 ponies who would have been eligible for a non-winners' event. Why not substitute a non-winners' race for the present unsatisfactory arrangement? Eight starters sported silk, and owing to past performances Dumbell was made a hot favourite and won easily. Borderer, who was well supported, crashed at the fourth jump, which prevented any thing like a close finish. As You Like It ran a good race, and succeeded in annexing a place with May, who gave a disappointing display.

THE RESULTS.

1.—Christmas Maidens.

About One Mile on Inside Course. Winner \$25; 2nd \$25. For all China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started this season at Kwai allowed 5 lbs.

Lieut.-Col. Comyn's Grey Eyes, 157 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 1
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's 2
Target, 160 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 3
Major Lake's As You Like It, 159 lbs. (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 3
Also ran:—Stanton's Chicot, 158 lbs. (Mr. Macgowan); Mrs. Charles May, 155 lbs. (Mr. Clark); Mr. Morgan's Newfoundland, 158 lbs. (owner); Mr. Beck's Strathorne, 156 lbs. (Mr. McCartney); Mr. Mattingley's Tarzali, 155 lbs. (Mr. Shillington).
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$55.50.
Places: 1st, \$10.80; 2nd, \$8.00; 3rd, \$11.80.

Winner Places.
Target 67 54
Newfoundland 52 52
As You Like It 19 16
Grey Eyes 14 13
May 8 9
Tarzali 6 9
Strathorne 4 6
Chicot 3 3

2.—United Services Race.

About One Mile on "National" Course.

Winner \$75; 2nd \$25. For China ponies. Catch weights 160 lbs. Winners at Kwai this season 7 lbs. penalty. To be ridden by officers of H.M.'s Forces or members of H.K.V.D.C.

Mr. Macanama's James Pigg, 158 lbs. (Mr. Abel-Smith) 1
Lieut. Col. Comyn's Durham, 160 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 2
Major Lake's Tap Siae, 160 lbs. (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Potts's Craigavad, 160 lbs. (Mr. Erskine); Dr. Durrant's Draké, 160 lbs. (owner); Mr. Mattingley's Dumbell, 152 lbs. (owner); Mr. Hee Cheong's Man-of-War, 160 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse); Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Six Hundred, 160 lbs. (Mr. Morgan).

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$10.80.
Places: 1st, \$9.70; 2nd, \$11.90; 3rd, \$20.40.

Winner Places.
James Pigg 37 31
Dumbell 37 26
Craigavad 24 26
Durham 17 20
Six Hundred 15 20
Man-of-War 6 7
Tap Siae 5 9
Drake 4 6

3.—Ladies' Plate.

About 1½ Miles on "National" Course.

For a plate presented by the ladies of the Fanling Hunt; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$25. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale.

Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades, 158 lbs. (owner) 1
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Mowgli, 157 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Mr. Burke's Solitaire, 158 lbs. (Mr. Macgowan) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Macanama's Caesar, 155 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse); Mr. Maas's Caviare, 161 lbs. (Mr. Erskine); Lieut.-Col. Comyn's Little River, 155 lbs. (Mr. Morgan).

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$15.60.
Places: 1st, \$5.50; 2nd, \$5.50; 3rd, \$7.10.

Winner Places.
Mowgli 129 97
Ace of Spades 77 98
Solitaire 52 29
Little River 15 24
Caesar 15 15
Caviare 10 17

4.—Christmas Handicap.

About 1½ Miles on "National" Course.

Winner \$75; 2nd \$25. For China ponies.
Mr. Hashim's My Lady, 161 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 1
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Aristophanes, 159 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Mr. Stanton's Loch Rannoch, 158 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Mattingley's Fire Call, 151 lbs. (Mr. Shillington); Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River, 150 lbs. (Mr. Clark).

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$0.50.
Places: 1st, \$6.80; 2nd, \$8.40.

Winner Places.
My Lady 128 100
Aristophanes 70 55
Loch Rannoch 45 54
Siang River 17 23
Fire Call 10 24

5.—Also Ran Stakes.

About 7 Furlongs on Inside Course.

Winner \$75; 2nd \$25. For China ponies that have started at Kwai this season and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at this meeting allowed 5 lbs.
Mr. Mattingley's Dumbell, 153 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 1
Major Lake's As You Like It, 157 lbs. (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 3
Mrs. Charles May, 160 lbs. (Mr. McCartney) 3
Also ran:—Lieut.-Col. Comyn's Borderer, 156 lbs. (Mr. Clark); Mr. Macanama's Caesar, 150 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse); Dr. Macgowan's Honey-moon, 155 lbs. (owner); Mr. Green-bob's Sheila, 154 lbs. (Mr. Erskine); Mr. Beck's Strathorne, 155 lbs. (Mr. McCartney).

END OF THE NAUTCH GIRLS.

LAST DANCE OF A VANISHING TYPE.

ALLAHABAD. I have just attended the birthday celebrations of one who must be the oldest active nautch "girl" in India, writes W.R. in a London paper. She is sixty-five, and her name is Janki Bai. Many old Anglo-Indians know Janki Bai. Her name is known as far as Lahore to the north and down to Madras in the south. She has a life history like a Maurice Dekobra novel, and her Indian name is Chappanchari. Her name, indeed, is one of the most significant things about this mysterious personality. It means "Fifty-six Knife Thrusts," and it has a tragic tale depending on it. Janki Bai has fifty-six knife thrusts delivered by an old lover when Janki Bai was one of the most sought-after women throughout the provinces. She sings the same old songs, poems of love and passion under the Eastern stars, and occasional old-fashioned songs in English.

These are the most pathetic in all her repertoire. The other night she gave "My love is like a little bird" (can you remember that?) and "Good-bye, my bluebell." She hurried over the words with the lack of time and emphasis that always accompany a song by one who is entirely ignorant of its meaning. The pathos, however, was there, for Janki Bai had taken that song from the route marches of British soldiers in the long ago as they kept step down the Grand Trunk Road.

And at the end of the last of the old type of nautch girls, a type which is being replaced by more civilised forms of entertainment, by the cinema, and by the Western conjurer, was presented with another golden medal to hang on the long row over her brilliant clothes. The nautch girl was never what the novelists made her out to be. But she was a tradition, and Janki Bai was foremost among that company.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$7.90.
Places: 1st, \$6.10; 2nd, \$10.70; 3rd, \$8.20.

Winner Places.
Dumbell 145 108
Borderer 70 68
As You Like It 13 21
May 12 37
Caesar 8 12
Sheila 4 10
Strathorne 2 4

OFFICIALS.

Patron—H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi.

K.C.M.G. Honorary Stewards—H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.; H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald E. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Oxon.); H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.

Stewards—The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beit, Mr. H. B. L. Duggan, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Hall, Branton, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr. H. H. Priestley, The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. F. Sutton, Mr. H. P. White.

Judges—Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. F. Sutton.

Starter—Mr. W. D. Fiddes Wilson.

Handicapper—Mr. C. M. S. Alves.

In Charge of Paddock—Mr. H. B. L. Duggan.

In Charge of Scales—Mr. F. Sutton.

In Charge of Cash Sweep and Pari-mutuel—Mr. E. M. Hazeland.

Joint Masters—Mr. H. Birkett and Dr. F. Pierce Grove.

Clerk of the Course—Dr. F. Pierce Grove.

Secretaries and Treasurers—Thomson & Co.

CASH SWEEPS.

THE WINNING NUMBERS.

The Big "\$1" Stake.
No. 5235 \$2,416.40
" 2580 690.40
" 2592 345.20
Unplaced runners (\$27.40 each):
Nos. 4462, 5968, 2538, 4734, 81, 2928, 6204, 5083, 5322, 4671, 3701, 4521, 2973, 6422.

Race I.
No. 18 \$70.70
" 23 22.20
" 33 10.10
Unplaced runners (\$5 each):
Nos. 42, 10, 7, 33, 20.

Race II.
No. 31 \$100.10
" 6 28.60
" 24 14.30
Unplaced runners (\$10 each):
Nos. 14, 38, 27, 36, 20.

Race III.
No. 39 \$151.00
" 50 34.40
" 246 21.70
Unplaced runners (\$10 each):
Nos. 9, 24, 3.

Race IV.
No. 27 \$70.90
" 43 51.40
Unplaced runners (\$20 each):
Nos. 68, 12.

Race V.
No. 103 \$233.80
" 23 68.80
" 66 33.40
Unplaced runners (\$25 each):
Nos. 22, 14, 40, 28, 4.

ROWING REGATTA.

GERMANY WINS INTERNATIONAL RACE.

Crews representing Germany, Scotland, and England took part in an international rowing regatta on Saturday. The events were held under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Three events, namely International Fours, International Pairs, and Scratch Fours, were all contested with keen rivalry. The German crew won both the International Fours and Pairs.

In the Fours, the following three crews faced the starter:—
German.—H. Deyhle (stroke), R. Schmidt (No. 3), W. Sporleder (No. 2), G. Hanson (bow), E. W. Schramm (cox).
English.—L. F. Nicholson (stroke), A. H. Chambers (No. 3), J. Kendrew (No. 2), W. P. Andrews (bow), F. Lenfestey (cox).
Scottish.—H. Forsyth (No. 3), W. E. Lekie (No. 2), G. G. Stopani-Thomson (bow), A. Murdoch (cox).
The German crew won the race after a strenuous pull over a mile course. The Scottish quartette were hopelessly beaten from the start. England, however, gave the German crew a good run for their money, losing the event by only a narrow margin.

Germany also captured the International Pairs by beating Scotland. Only two crews competed in this race. They were:—
German.—H. Deyhle (stroke), R. Schmidt (bow), E. W. Schramm (cox).
Scottish.—J. D. H. Crawford (stroke), H. Forsyth (bow), A. Murdoch (cox).

The distance in this race was three-quarters of a mile. The boats kept abreast for the best part of the course, and it was only towards the end of the journey that the German crew shot ahead.

Another three boats were in the Scratch Fours event. The crews were made up of the following members:—
No. 1. Crew.—W. Sporleder (stroke), R. Schmidt (No. 3), L. F. Nicholson (No. 2), G. Hanson (bow), A. Murdoch (cox).
No. 2. Crew.—J. H. Kendrew (stroke), H. Deyhle (No. 3), J. D. Crawford (No. 2), G. G. Stopani-Thomson (bow), E. W. Schramm (cox).
No. 3. Crew.—A. W. Purvis (stroke), J. R. L. Stanton (No. 3), W. R. Andrews (No. 2), A. H. Chambers (bow), A. N. Other (cox).

The three boats finished the course in the order of their stations after a good pull over a half-mile course.

ROMAN SPORTS IN ENGLAND.

INTERESTING REVIVAL.

Britain is going back to the sports of the ancient Romans.

Public demand for thrills and excitement has given birth, during the last two years, to the introduction of greyhound racing and motor-cycle racing on dirt tracks. These sports are now regular fixtures all over the country, but despite the thrills of the former and the spills of the latter, the public are seeking still further excitement in chariot racing.

The revival of this ancient entertainment is to occur on January 11th, at the Carnaby Greyhound track, Glasgow, where, dressed in picturesque costumes and trappings, sixty horses, six chariots, ten drivers, and six heralds will open the proceedings with a parade.

A programme of six races has been arranged for the opening night, each race being of four laps duration. Two of the races will be disputed by two chariots, each drawn by four horses while the others will present the spectacle of four chariots bearing round the track, each traced to two horses.

It is claimed that the thrills of drivers attempting to negotiate the bends ahead of their rivals will be greater than those of any other sport known to this country.

A novel method of ensuring genuine racing has been adopted. Before the racing starts the ten drivers will be placed in cages in the enclosure in the center of the track. When the starters are ready for a race to begin attendants will release five drivers from their cages, and will take them to the four chariots. A moment before starting the race one of the drivers will be taken back to his cage while the others are allotted their chariots and started on their four-lap struggle. In this way no driver can tell which chariot he is going to drive, or even if he is going to drive, until he finds the reins in his hands, thus preventing any chance of a pre-arranged winner.

The new sport also shows promise of opening up a new profession, for the drivers in addition to receiving a retaining fee, are rewarded with prizes of 25 for a win and 21 for a second place.

Betting is expected to be as brisk at these meetings as at greyhound races, and armies of bookmakers have already arranged to take stands.

Popularity of the attraction seems assured for some thirty tracks throughout the country are arranging to stage similar performances. Among these are well-known tracks in London, Manchester, Leicester and Swansea. (United Press.)

THE HARBOUR OF TAKORADI.

DEFECTS UNDER THE SEA.

UNSAFE SUPPORTS FOR WHARVES.

GOLD COAST PORT FINISHED IN RECORD TIME.

A copy to hand of the London Daily Express publishes what it calls "the remarkable story behind the closing, after the official opening, of Takoradi Harbour, the great new port of the Gold Coast, which has taken seven years to construct at a cost of £3,500,000."

"The reason of the postponement is that many of the three hundred great reinforced concrete cylinders supporting the deep-sea wharves were found to be unsafe, and defects had to be made good by 'grouting'."

Even with the delay thus caused the work will be finished two years ahead of contract time—a remarkable achievement by the British firm responsible for the work since 1924."

Concrete Damaged By The Sea.

The Daily Express continues:—

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., the Colonial Secretary of the former Socialist Government, performed the opening ceremony at Takoradi Harbour on April 3rd of this year, and definite arrangements were made to open the harbour to shipping on September 3rd.

Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, who have been the contractors since 1924, finished their work at the end of June, and a completion certificate was given by the Government engineers, Messrs. Rendel, Palmer, and Tritton.

A great surprise was caused a month later when the Gold Coast Government made an announcement that the opening of the harbour would have to be postponed because "certain defects" had been found in the construction of the deep-sea wharves.

No further explanation was given, but it was stated that remedial measures had been put in hand.

It can now be disclosed that the reason why it was considered unreasonable to open the harbour to shipping was that many of the massive reinforced concrete cylinders that are the supports of the deep-sea wharves were found to be unsafe.

Divers Sent Down.

A careful examination of these cylinders, which rest on rock foundations under the sea, was made by the Government engineers after they had issued their completion certificate. Divers had to be sent down to bore into the cylinders under the sea level. Some of the cylinders were found to be as firm as rock, but in others there were patches of concrete that were loose.

This meant that the defective cylinders might have been incapable of standing the great strain to which they would be subjected. All the three hundred or so cylinders were examined in turn, and it was found that so many of them were faulty that it would be inadvisable for ships to use the wharves until the defects had been put right.

The completion certificate was therefore cancelled, and the work of strengthening the weak cylinders was put in hand at once. This work is now almost complete, and the Government engineers are so confident that they will be justified in issuing their final completion certificate within the next few weeks that it has been announced that the harbour will be opened on December 3rd.

Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons encountered exceptional difficulties, complicated by local conditions and the necessity of employing much unskilled native labour, in carrying out the completion of the wonderful engineering feat.

Even allowing for the unexpected delay in the opening of the harbour the firm will have completed the work two years ahead of contract time, and so earned a bonus, which is calculated at the rate of £1,500 a week, of £150,000.

Night And Day Work.

Considerable sums had to be spent on extra machinery and on overtime for night and day work to earn the bonus. Actually Sir Robert McAlpine's firm was paid nearly £200,000 as bonus when the completion certificate was issued at the end of June, but a sum of about £30,000 will be recoverable on account of the temporary withdrawal of the certificate, and the firm will also have to bear the cost of the repair work.

The construction of the reinforced concrete cylinders was one of the most difficult tasks of all. The hollow framework had to be built up in sections on the rock foundations many feet below the surface of the water. Then iron cages had to be lowered into the cylinders, which were afterwards filled with concrete.

It is believed that sea water must have washed the cement out of the cylinders. (Continued on next column.)

THE WAILING PLACE OF THE JEWS.

A VISIT THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Now that in that home of religious intolerance, Jerusalem, the Moslems are interfering with the rights of the Jews to perform their age-old ceremonies at the Wailing Wall of Herod's temple, I call to mind the intense effect which these Jewish rites made on the minds of my husband and myself thirty years ago. We were in Jerusalem just before the Kaiser's visit in 1898, and, looking up the journals, which I kept to send home to my people, I find this effect described in the following passage:—

"On October 7th, 1898 (Friday), we went to the Wailing Place of the Jews. We walked down the street of the Christians. It is only about 10 or 12 feet wide, with an occasional arch, high up on the second or third floor, spanning the street from side to side. Open shops or booths line it on each side and the owners sit cross-legged outside to entrap the passerby. Moslems in turbans, Moslems in robes, semi-Europeanised men, who wear Modern dress with an English covert coat outside, Circassians in black robes, Jews in gaberdines and fur caps, Armenians, and women closely veiled all crowd and push along, shouting and gesticulating, and beating the donkeys and camels. The street is paved with cobble stones and is steep. It is arranged in shallow steps about two and a half yards wide, probably for the sake of the donkeys. We turned out of this thoroughfare and wound through narrow lanes, always meeting more and more Jews; then at last turning a corner we came to the blank high wall of a fortification—the site of the temple and of the present Moslem sanctuary. Up and up rose the wall, and far above we could see the Moslem workmen cleaning up everything for the Kaiser, chipping and repairing the stones and taking no manner of heed of what was going on below them. At the foot of the wall, kissing the lowest courses of the masonry, stood a crowd of Jews of all ages and nations and of both sexes, wailing and praying and swaying their bodies backwards and forwards and bemoaning the desecration of the Holy Place."

For the Palace that lies desolate.

Ans. We sit in solitude and mourn.

For our majesty that is departed.

Ans. We sit in solitude and mourn.

For our great men who lie dead.

Ans. We sit in solitude and mourn.

And so on through a long litany. Here meet the medieval Jew in gaberdine and fur cap with an oiled curl hanging over either ear, and the little modern product of the European Ghetto. Tenacious of their traditions and their faith, they come on the Eve of the Sabbath and lament over the departed glory of their race and kiss the stones, the four main courses of which are of fine masonry and

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Goods are to be left in the Godowns,

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Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1928. [7112]

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1928, will be subject to Rent.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 24th to 30th, 1928.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week. Date. Time. Height. Time. Height.

Mon. 24. h. m. f. m. h. m. f. m.

Tues. 25. m. 7. 38. 5. 0. m. 8. 45. 3. 1.

Wed. 26. m. 8. 45. 4. 8. m. 9. 52. 2. 9.

Thurs. 27. m. 9. 52. 3. 7. m. 10. 59. 1. 8.

Fri. 28. m. 10. 59. 2. 6. m. 12. 6. 0. 7.

Sat. 29. m. 12. 6. 1. 5. m. 1. 13. 0. 6.

Sun. 30. m. 1. 13. 0. 4. m. 2. 20. 0. 5.

THE FOOTBALL COUPON CASE.

JUDGMENT AND ARGUMENTS BEFORE DIVISIONAL COURT.

CHANCES OF £1,000 PRIZE ONE IN TWO HUNDRED BILLIONS.

A Reuter cable briefly announced last month that in view of a judgment of the Divisional Court football competitions are illegal, and the London newspapers concerned have decided to stop further football competitions forthwith. The competitions at present running will be completed in the ordinary way.

This was the sequel to two sensational legal developments:—

(1) The High Court, presided over by the Lord Chief Justice, decided that coupon competitions are illegal.

(2) The most influential organisation of British advertisers announced that its executive had unanimously passed a resolution declaring that circulations obtained by coupon competitions "represent false values in number and quality," and that such competitions lower not only the tone and the dignity of the newspapers running them, but the influence and prestige of the newspapers, and, as a consequence, of advertisers' names associated with them.

Lord Hewart (the Lord Chief Justice of England), Mr. Justice Avey and Mr. Justice Atton were the three judges who gave the momentous legal decision. They sat at a King's Bench Divisional Court to hear an appeal by the proprietors of the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* against a conviction by the Sheffield magistrates, who imposed a fine of £5 for contravention of the Ready Money Football Betting Act, 1920, by publishing a football competition coupon on March 14th.

In delivering judgment, in which the other judges concurred, the Lord Chief Justice commented on the systematic coupon business carried on by the appellants, and said he was satisfied that there was overwhelming material before the Sheffield justices entitling them to convict.

It was contended at the police court, said Lord Hewart, that nobody bought the paper solely for the sake of the coupon. "That was a desperate contention," said the Lord Chief Justice, "and I do not wonder that the justices resisted it."

Remarkable facts were given in the reasons set forth by the magistrates for their decision. The newspaper offered a money prize to the person who correctly forecast on a coupon the results of a certain number of football matches. A smaller prize was offered for the nearest accurate forecast.

At the police court hearing a detective stated that to be certain of getting a coupon right for twenty-four matches the chances were one in 282,429,536,481.

MAGISTRATES' DECISION UPHELD.

Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C., outlining the case for the *Sheffield Telegraph*, said it was the first time, probably, that a real live newspaper of standing and influence in the country, with a wide circulation as a newspaper, had been brought within the provisions of the Act.

"More Pamphlets." "So far, as your lordships may remember from two cases," he continued, "the sort of publications containing coupons that have been the subject matter of conviction, have been mere pamphlets."

Mr. Bevan explained that the competition had been its form since it was first instituted. Originally there was no limit to the number of coupons—for twelve matches—that each competitor could send in.

The Lord Chief Justice required what would be the total number of coupons required to cover all correct results.

Mr. Montgomery (for the justices) said in this competition about 200,000,000,000.

Mr. Bevan: Mr. Cassels (Mr. J. D. Cassels, K.C., counsel for the newspaper) makes it 4,000,000,000.

Lord Hewart: In that event 4,000,000,000 would be purchased, the circulation of the paper goes up by so much, and the advertising charges go up accordingly.

Mr. Justice Avey caused laughter by asking: Were you suggesting, Mr. Bevan, that it was a condition of the competition that the competitor should read the newspaper at his breakfast?

Mr. Bevan: Oh, no. The *Sheffield Telegraph*, which has a large and sure circulation, would send a copy of the newspaper containing this coupon to readers who had read that newspaper all their lives, and who hope to continue reading it all their lives.

Mr. Bevan said that in August 1927 the Chief Constable of Sheffield communicated with the publishers of the *Sheffield Telegraph*, and as the result of that the whole competition was reorganised. After a month the competition took this form. No one might send in more than thirteen coupons in respect of one competition. Six were to be taken from the morning papers, six from the evening papers, and one from the Saturday publication. Great importance was attached to that fact at the hearing of the case before the magistrates.

FURTHER PRIZE OF £1,000.

Mr. Justice Avey: There was one coupon every day. Mr. Bevan: Yes. Undoubtedly a great many people entered for this competition, which was made more attractive by a further prize of £1,000 to the person who succeeded in forecasting the exact result of twenty-four matches, a prize going every week to the contributor who gave the nearest number of correct results.

"Our submission," continued Mr. Bevan, "is that there is no evidence before the magistrates which justified them finding that the appellants were carrying on a ready money football betting business."

Mr. Justice Avey: All they say is that there was some relation between the penny paid and the coupon.

Mr. Bevan: Then there must be some relation between the penny paid for coupon, and crossword and any special feature, such as

Lord Hewart: If it appears that the circulation is substantially increased during the period when the competition advertised is being conducted, is a newspaper prepared to say: "It is true we have this feature. It is true that we spend money on it, and it is true that we advertise it as much as we can, but nobody buys the paper because of it?"

Mr. Bevan: People buy the paper perhaps because it has got this additional feature, but that does not constitute the carrying on of a ready-money football betting business. One has to look at the substantial business carried on by the proprietors, and that is newspaper publication.

Lord Hewart: Can a newspaper really say that there are no persons who purchase the paper merely because there is a coupon in it?

"That the circulation increased during the publication of the coupon," said Mr. Bevan, "was not sufficient evidence for the magistrates to find that the newspaper was carrying on a ready-money football betting business. Your lordships have to look at the substantial business carried on by the appellants. Could a newspaper advertising free insurance be said to be carrying on a life insurance business? I submit that prima facie the price is paid for a newspaper itself."

JUDGES' PROBLEMS FOR COUNSEL.

Mr. Justice Avey asked counsel if an old-established greengrocer set up a betting business and made a condition that he would not make a bet with any one unless they bought a carrot from him, would that business come within the Act in question?

Mr. Bevan: There you have a man who gives up his business to set up a betting business and sells carrots incidental to that business.

Mr. Justice Avey: I am assuming that he sold carrots years before. It is a case of a man who to make a bet has to buy a carrot though he does not want one.

Lord Hewart caused more laughter by putting to counsel this problem: Supposing a religious organisation were to advertise that at their services on Sunday evening cigars would be given away, and there was a considerable increase in the congregation, would it be a fair inference that some members of the church went to the service for cigars?

Mr. Bevan: No, unless it were proved that they had never been there before.

Mr. Bevan said the prosecution ought to call people who said: "We are buying the coupon, not the paper." But there was a total absence of evidence of that kind. There were no facts proved to justify the conviction.

"Bought For The Coupon."

Lord Hewart (to Mr. R. M. Montgomery, K.C., for the justices): The only point on which the court wishes to hear you is this: What do you say as to the inference that some persons bought the paper solely for the sake of obtaining the coupon?

Mr. Montgomery: I would submit that it does not matter whether it is solely or partly.

He contended that it was clear that there was a considerable increase in the circulation when the football coupons were published, and that there was a drop in the circulation when they were not published. There was, he contended, evidence that the purpose of publishing the coupons was either to increase or maintain circulation, and purchasers were induced to pay part of their pennies because the coupons were there.

There was also the fact that there was a great advertisement in which, for the benefit of the public, the great advantages of buying the paper in order to get the coupon were stated at great length.

LORD HEWART'S JUDGMENT.

Lord Hewart, giving judgment, said that the case arose from a summons under a "very useful Act" of Parliament—the Ready Money Football Betting Act, 1920.

Arguments had been put forward, he continued, that there were no materials before the justices entitling them to come to the conclusion at which they arrived. It would be waste of time to re-read the whole of the carefully stated case, but it might be observed that it was found as a fact that claims in which the coupons were received was outside the main entrance of the newspaper's office.

Lord Hewart also pointed out that the magistrates had found as a fact that boxes for receiving the coupons were placed at points in Sheffield and district. At one box alone in High-street, Sheffield, during certain hours on March 14th, 15th, and 16th last no fewer than 17,000 envelopes were deposited. Four or five sacks of envelopes in connection with which no claims had been made, and which were not opened, were destroyed completely.

£3,000 ANNUAL COST.

In order to cope with the competition business the newspaper had a special competition staff, consisting of about ten girls. The magistrates also found as a fact that the competition was run at a cost of over £3,000 a year in order to increase or prevent a decrease in the circulation.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Passengers by the American Mail liner *President Jackson* arrived Hong Kong on December 22nd: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Aced, Mr. P. V. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ko Ching, Miss A. Eichenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lam Ming Fan, Mrs. Lee Shao Chuan, Mr. T. K. Lin, Dr. Louis Way Tong, Mr. Ng Tze Mi, Mr. W. P. Olier, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Patterson, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. Rudolf Schiffer, Mr. E. G. Schultz, Mrs. Si King Sun, Master Si Wen Zai, Mr. Si Wen Zai, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. De Sousa, Mr. H. P. Strickler, Lt. and Mrs. Charles R. Skinner, Mrs. A. Sun, Mr. Tam Lai Ting, Mr. Tan Guan Tui, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Taylor, Mrs. S. E. Taylor, Mr. Wu Yok Yee, Mrs. T. C. Wu, Mr. Yu Som, Mr. Yang Park Chuen, Mr. Yang Hoon Nam, Mr. and Mrs. L. John T. Bottom, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mr. Cranfill H. Collier, Mrs. B. H. Colyer, Mrs. Esther Detchon, Mrs. Anna P. Fox, Miss Sarah Fox, Lt. Harry R. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hunt, Rev. C. K. Meyers, Dr. H. W. Miller, Mr. Charles P. Mollison, Mr. James C. Palmer, Mr. Mariano Ramos, Mr. Robert E. Reordan, Mr. Frederick Stindt, Mr. Dorothy Sturtevant, Mr. Alva H. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Townsend, Lt. James S. Traver, Miss Hope Whitaker, Mr. C. H. Warner.

Passengers by the P. & O. S. S. *Yaldora* arrived Hong Kong on December 21st: Captain R. A. Abercrombie, Mr. L. C. Brownell, Mr. M. D. Erskine, Mr. J. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gordon, Miss V. P. Green, Mr. C. E. Holmes, Miss M. L. Henry, Mr. F. B. Henry, Captain F. O. Hodgkin, Mr. H. M. D. Lowry, Mr. A. Narayanan, Miss C. Ramsay, Miss L. Shoop. Among passengers passing through Hong Kong were: Miss I. T. Argent, Mr. and Mrs. L. Boyack, Master J. Boyack, Miss C. Boyack, Master F. Boyack, Mr. R. Bloor, Captain S. Fayer-Davy, 2/Lieut. G. Bain, Mr. A. Brooker, Mr. G. Candler, Mr. C. S. Carey, Mr. C. A. R. Coghill, Mr. G. Franklin, Miss G. Farnell, Mr. J. R. Guider, Mr. A. L. Honnor, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchison, two children and Governess (Miss Chifford), Lieut. E. J. Harrison, Mr. G. Hooper, Miss E. Hooper, Mr. W. James, Mr. F. N. Judson, Mr. C. W. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. M. Katzenstein, Mr. K. Kipalani, Miss M. L. Laird, Mr. A. L. Miller, Captain F. Maddox, Mr. H. H. MacTaggart, Mr. T. Morimoto, Lieut. Comdr. D. B. O'Connell, Col. G. R. Rice, Capt. J. E. Ridley, Mr. W. G. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott and infant, Mr. G. Sukhrandas, Miss F. E. Ware, Brigadier General C. R. Woodroffe, Mr. R. G. Watkins, Mr. D. C. Walsley, Mr. K. Yamamoto.

LONDON'S NEW DOCKS.

THE TILBURY SCHEME.

London's challenge to Liverpool and Southampton as a port for the world's greatest liners will be formally tossed in the shipping ring at the end of 1929 upon the completion of the gigantic new floating docks now under construction at Tilbury on the banks of the Thames, 30 miles from London.

Already the Tilbury foreshore has been transformed by mighty engineering works, where mud flats formerly greeted the eye at low tide, today stands a vast of concrete ready for the accommodation of a large Customs and baggage hall. The old landing stage has vanished and in its place stands the first section of a floating dock which will by the end of next year have grown to 1,142 feet in length and 80 feet wide. Thus it will be of ample size to dock the largest liner now built or building. The *Majestic*, at present the longest liner in the world, is 915 feet long, and the new *Oceanic*, now under construction for the White Star line, is just 1,000 feet in length. Thus either will be able to tie up at the new dock, with room to spare at either end.

The floating stage of the new dock will be a two-store affair and lie 170 feet out from the concrete shore, it will be held by five mighty steel booms hinged at either end, so holding the stage that it easily rises and falls with the tide which in spring rise and fall some 21 feet at Tilbury. Elaborate arrangements have been made to secure the liners against drag of the 3-4 knot tides which are met with at this point. Between the stage and the foreshore there will be five bridges each wide enough for motor traffic.

Co-incident with the work on the docks and landing stage, workmen are engaged in the construction of a new station for the London, Midland and Scottish railway, and by which liner passengers will be set down in the heart of London within half an hour of disembarking.

Work is also proceeding on the new Tilbury dry-dock which is to be 730 feet long, 110 feet wide and 37½ feet deep, with provision made to extend the length to 1,000 feet later if necessary. This dock will be ready for use early next year.

The initial tests of the new dock will be watched by big shipping concerns all over the world with the greatest interest. But they will be watched with greater interest still by London's 7,000,000 inhabitants, because of the operation of the new dock lives up to its constructor's expectations, its completion may very well mark the beginning of a new era in London's maritime history.—United Press.

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Amoy, Swatow & Bangkok	"KIUKIANG"	On 26th Dec.	Noon
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Chip Shing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Weihaiwei, which port she left on December 17th, with 1,192 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. 87—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Delhi, Swedish str., 2,806 tons, Capt. F. N. Borghom, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 19th, lying at buoy No. 46—Gillman & Co.
Dorville, Dutch str., 2,543 tons, Capt. J. Ferguson, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—J.C.J.L.	Hai-Ching, British str., 1,287 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Fochow and Swatow, with 500 tons of general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S.S. Co.
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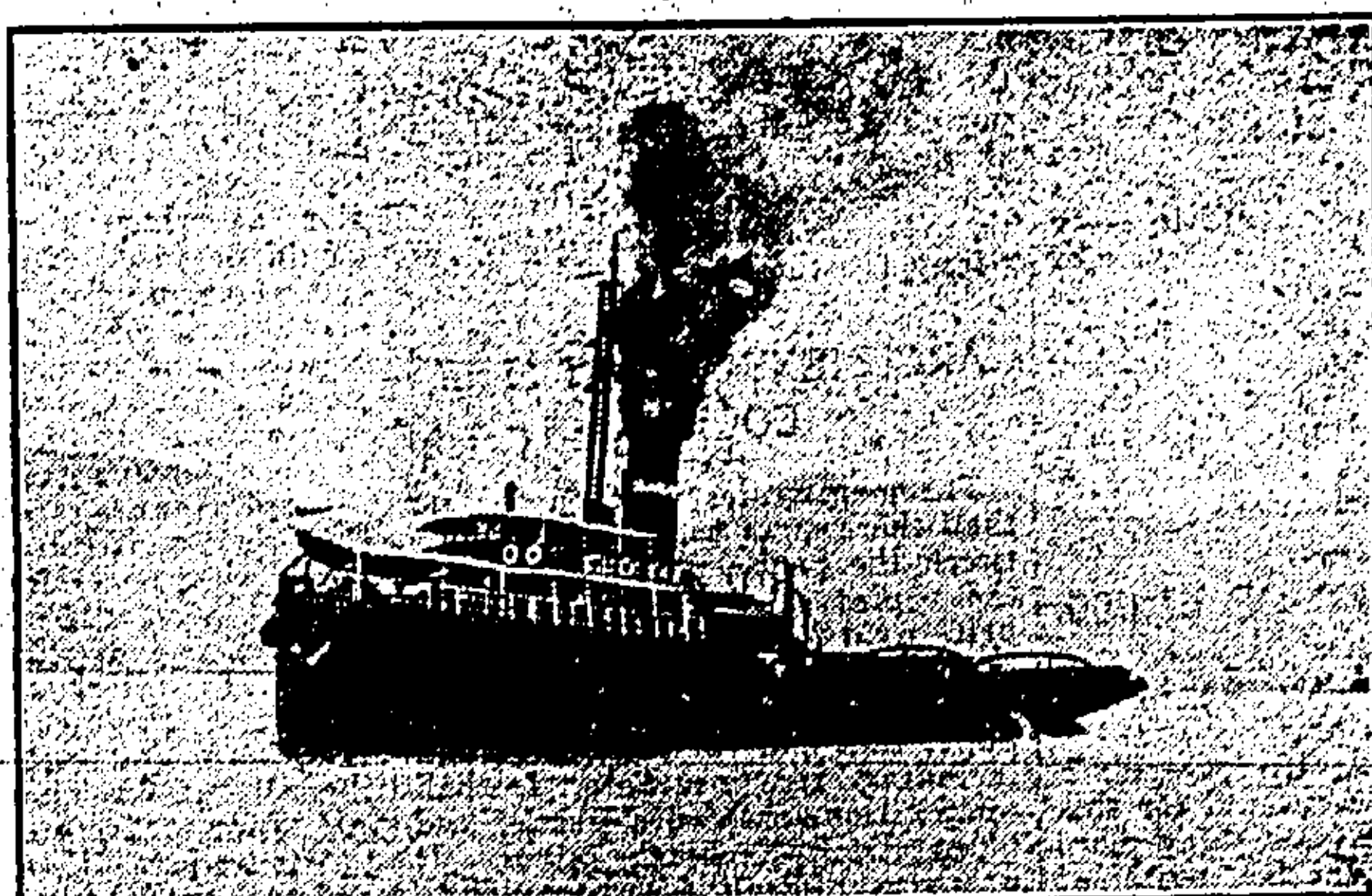
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MOJI & KOBE	"SUTSANG"	Wed. 28th Dec., at Noon
OSAKA via AMOY, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Sun. 30th Dec., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG" "KUTSANG"	Satur. 5th Jan., at 3 p.m. Wed. 9th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HUNSANG"	Fri. 11th Jan., at 3 p.m. Fri. 18th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 4	May 7	May 10	May 12	May 21
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 18	May 21	May 24	May 26	Jun. 4
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Jun. 11	Jun. 14	Jun. 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 28
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Shipping News

Week-End Statement, Waterfront
News, Vessels Expected, etc.

WEEK-END FREIGHT
RETURNS.

CARGO TOTALS FAIRLY
GOOD.

HEAVY JAPANESE CARGO
CARRIERS.

The general cargo returns during the week-end showed fairly good totals for both local imports and through freights. On Saturday imports were low, while through cargo was high. Yesterday's figures showed an increase for imports and a good total for through cargo. Thirty arrivals and forty departures were shown for the week-end, of which eleven arrivals and fifteen departures were British ships.

Saturday's Statement.

Sixteen arrivals and twenty-one departures were shown for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday, of which nine arrivals and eight departures were British ships. The local imports were only fair, but through cargo was high.

Eleven vessels discharged 7,393 tons of general merchandise, of which 4,854 tons were contributed by six British ships. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Pennsylvania* (U.S.A.) with 1,588 tons of general cargo from Portland (Oregon) and Amoy; and the s.s. *Foo Ning* (British) from London and Singapore with 1,330 tons.

Through cargo amounted to 21,024 tons, and of the eleven carriers, six were British ships carrying 5,380 tons. The s.s. *Delhi* (Swedish) was shown with the heaviest cargo of 5,800 tons of beans from Vladivostok and Shanghai, followed closely by the s.s. *Hakodate Maru* (Japanese) with 5,707 tons of general cargo from Bombay and Singapore.

Yesterday's Figures.

A general improvement was shown in the cargo figures for the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday. The general cargo discharged for Hong Kong showed an increase of nearly 10,000 tons, and although through freights were not so high, the total shown was well above the average.

Fourteen arrivals and nineteen departures were shown, of which four arrivals and seven departures were British.

Imports from eleven ships amounted to 17,022 tons, and three British ships contributed 3,830 tons. The two best returns were from the s.s. *Tencho Maru* (Japanese) with 3,452 tons of coal from Wakamatsu and Sakito, and the s.s. *Chian Lee* (Chinese) from Lungkun and Dairen with 3,300 tons of general merchandise.

Through freights carried by eight vessels totalled 12,844 tons. Three British ships carried 1,421 tons. The s.s. *Dakar Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Shanghai was shown with the heaviest cargo of 5,492 tons of general merchandise. The s.s. *President Jackson* (U.S.A.) carried 4,001 tons from Seattle and Shanghai.

Details of Freights.

During the week-end 24,415 tons of general goods were discharged at this port, of which 8,654 tons were from British ships. Cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 33,548 tons, and British ships carried 7,010 tons.

(Continued on next column.)

DAILY WATERFRONT
NEWS.

NEW SURVEY FEES FOR THE
"NEW YEAR."

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

As mentioned in the *Daily Press* on Friday, December 20th, new regulations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (No. 10 of 1890) are to come into force on New Year's Day. Details are announced in the *Gazette*, and part I of Table C in the Schedule is rescinded. The new regulations in Part I deal with survey fees and other fees, covering, inter alia:

For a passenger certificate.

For a certificate for obtaining a plying licence.

For a certificate for obtaining an emigration licence.

Measurement of tonnage.

For load-line certificate.

In dry dock for bottom certificate.

Inspection of crew spaces.

Inspection of lights and sound signals.

Inspection of life-saving appliances.

Of an unseaworthy ship.

Prior to re-registry.

Prior to transfer to foreign flag.

Examination of plans and survey of marine boilers.

Miscellaneous surveys and inspections, such as for hull (design and details) and equipments: boilers, machinery, etc.; test and inspection of steel and other materials when certificates of test are not produced; examination of plans of ships, machinery, etc. to be constructed outside the Colony.

Overtime charges.

Attendance at local proceedings (i.e., surveys, under subpoena, at \$50 per day).

Reduced fees for certain yachts.

Warning To Mariners.

The Master of the s.s. *Antung*, which arrived here on Saturday morning, reports that the ship struck an unknown submerged object in Lat. 19 deg. 54' N. and Long. 108 deg. 25' E., on December 18th. The vessel left Singapore on December 11th, with a mean draft of 14 feet. Her fore draft was 11 feet, and aft 17 feet.

Four Deaths In One Day.

The death of four Asiatic deck passengers is reported by the master of the s.s. *Antung* as having occurred on board on December 13th, two days after leaving Singapore. The bodies were buried at sea.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Nine vessels brought 577 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the week-end.

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the week-end were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	13	15
American	2	2
Swedish	1	1
Portuguese	1	0
Japanese	6	7
Chinese	5	10
Norwegian	0	2
German	0	1
Dutch	0	1
French	1	1
Total	30	40

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President Jackson, December 31st.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, January 4th.

Changte, February 8th.

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Leverbank, January 8th.

City of Bedford, Jan. 8th.

City of Pekin, January 19th.

City of Baroda, February 1st.

City of Kharlov, February 11th.

City of Delhi, March 11th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Hector, to-day.

Arcus, Dec. 28th.

Therese, December 30th.

Protestant, January 3rd.

Sarpedon, January 7th.

Perseus, January 8th.

Talithybus, January 8th.

Achilles, January 11th.

Emacus, January 11th.

Lycaon, January 12th.

Ningchow, January 12th.

Automedon, January 19th.

Tydeus, January 20th.

Aeneas, January 22nd.

Ision, January 23rd.

Calcutta, January 31st.

Calcutta, February 3rd.

Philotes, February 5th.

Patroclus, February 7th.

Phemius, February 7th.

Autolytus, February 8th.

Demodocus, February 19th.

Bellerophon, February 20th.

Euryades, February 24th.

Troilus, February 24th.

Tyndareus, February 24th.

Menelaus, March 3rd.

Agamemnon, Mar. 7th.

Antenor, March 7th.

Menelaus, March 14th.

Ajax, March 27th.

British-India and Apeal Line.

Talamba, to-morrow.

Sankha, December 31st.

Talamba, January 4th.

Tilawa, January 11th.

Talamba, January 17th.

Takada, January 26th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, to-day.

Dollar S.S. Line.

President Pierce, to-day.

President Wilson, Dec. 29th.

President Taft, Dec. 31st.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).

Panama, December 27th.

Danmark, January 5th.

Stam, January 15th.

Java, January 22nd.

Australien, February 11th.

Chile, February 23rd.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, December 28th.

Arakura, January 7th.

Tanda, February 4th.

Glen Line.

Glenhane, Dec. 31st.

Glenogle, January 7th.

Gleniffer, January 9th.

Caradigh, January 21st.

Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.

Glenagarry, February 18th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

Saarland, to-morrow.

Duisberg, December 27th.

Saarland, Dec. 29th.

Emil Kirdorf, Jan. 10th.

Havelland, Jan. 22nd.

Havestadt, Feb. 6th.

Leverkusen, February 15th.

Ermland, March 5th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjilaroen, to-day.

Tjilaroen, December 28th.

Tjilaroen, December 31st.

Tjilaroen, December 31st.

Tjilaroen, January 2nd.

Tjilaroen, January 11th.

Tjilaroen, January 14th.

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"ALIPORE"	5,373	24th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,953	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	9,006	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MAGDONIA"	11,120	22nd Mar.	Marseilles and London
"PADUA"	5,307	9th Mar.	Mars. L'don, A.werp, R'dm.
"KIYU"	9,135	16th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"KAYBER"	9,114	23rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
"MALWA"	10,980	30th Mar.	S'bay, Mars., & London.
"MAGDARA"	10,983	12th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"KAMBALIA"	9,123	18th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MANTUA"	10,945	27th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	11th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MOREA"	10,953	24th May	Marseilles & London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	31st May	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KALPITANA"	15,592	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don

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SHANGHAI & AMOY	London	24th Dec.
AMOT...	St. Albans	24th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Kashima Maru	24th Dec.
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MANILA	Pres. Jackson	24th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Chenoweth	24th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Manila	24th Dec.

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For	Per	Date & Time
Shanghai and Japan	Hakone Maru	Monday, 24th, 10.30 A.M.
Amoy	Kaitum	Monday, 24th, 12.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 31st Jan., 1929	Hector	Monday, 24th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Kaitum	Monday, 24th, 1.45 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, G. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 14th Jan., 1929	Pres. Pierce	Monday, 24th, 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	Monday, 24th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Japan	Hai Ning	Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
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Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 12th January, 1929	Hai Ning	Friday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Friday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Friday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, G. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 31st Jan., 1929, & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	Monday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
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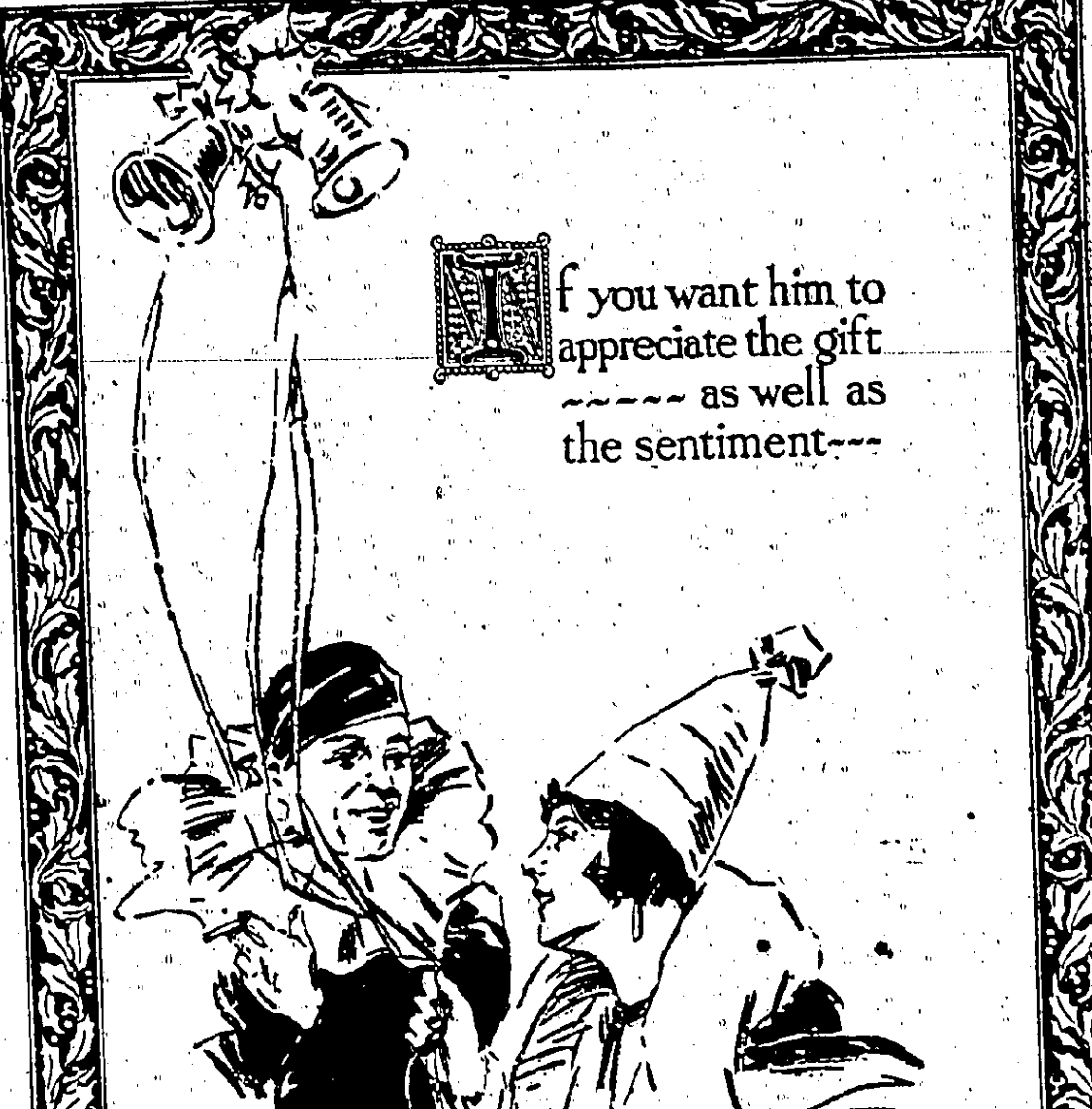
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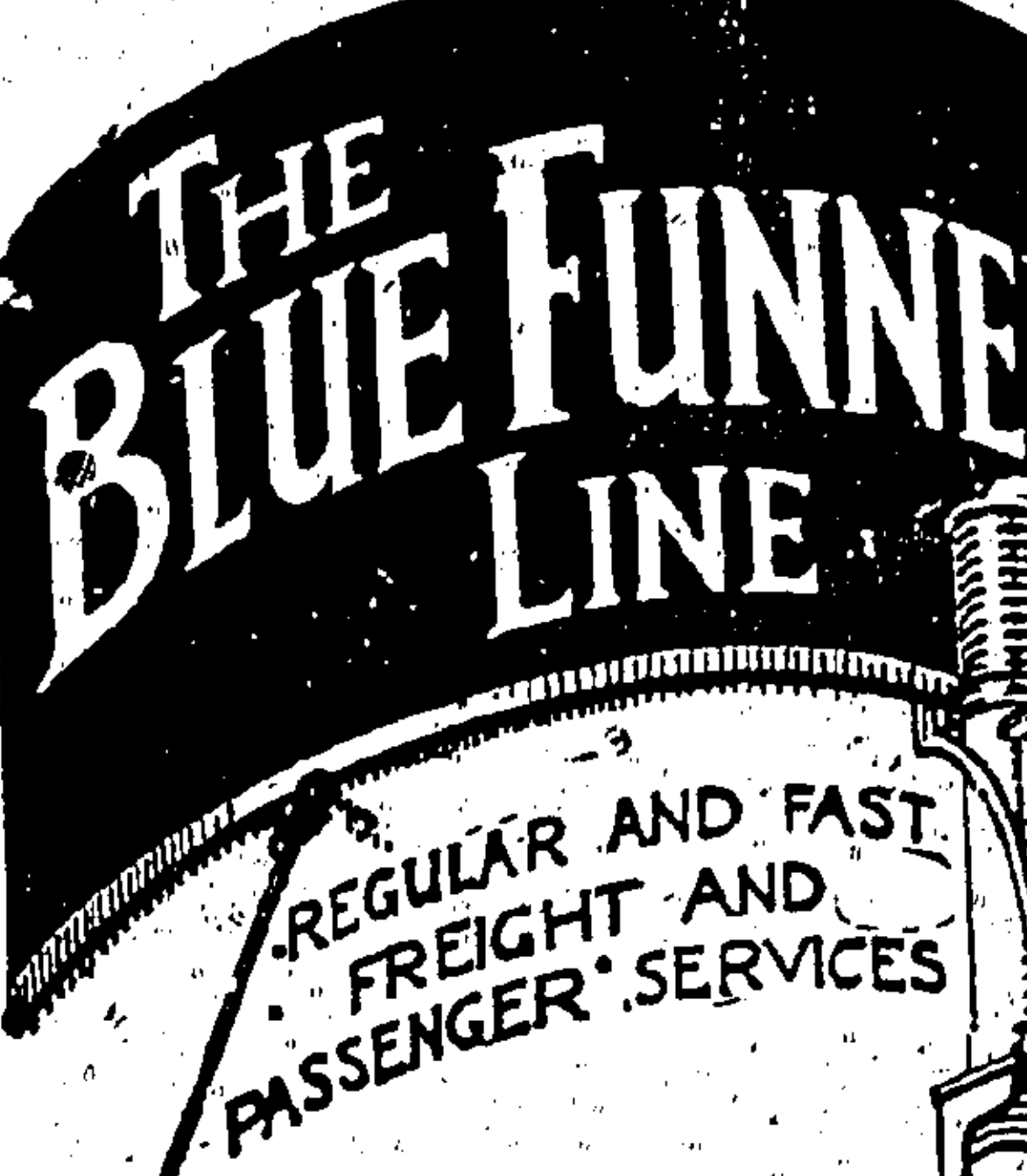
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Bank Bills, on demand 133 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 133 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 133 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank Bills, at sight 78
Private, 30 days' sight 106
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 88 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 84 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—On demand 121 1/2
ON HANKOW.—On demand 121 1/2
ON SOERABAYA.—On demand 121 1/2
ON BANGKOK.—On demand 83
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate \$9.60
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per leaf
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